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St. John to begin roadwork after receiving state grant

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ST. JOHN — The town wanted \$1 million, but the \$670,000 Community Crossings Grant it received from the state was still one of the highest in Lake County. Community Crossings is a partnership between the Indiana Department of Transportation and Hoosier communities, both urban and rural, to invest in infrastructure projects that catalyze economic development, create jobs and strengthen local transportation networks. Since 2013, INDOT says it has provided more than \$1 billion to cities, towns and counties to complete the critical work of modernizing local roads and bridges. St. John's Town Council officially accepted the grant during its regular meeting and announced plans to begin paving at 101st Avenue from White Oak Avenue to Calumet Avenue. In the spring the town will begin work on Parrish Avenue. Town Manager Steve Kil said there is \$2.3 million worth of work to be done. The town is currently in the stages of adopting a road impact fee to help pay for new infrastructure.

http://www.nwitimes.com/entertainment/st-john-to-begin-roadwork-after-receiving-state-grant/article_e53204b8-d464-55db-b883-bd806d94862f.html

Crouch awards 'Community Crossings' grant checks

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With several larger than life checks as visuals, Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch visited Terre Haute's City Hall to present matching state grant money to Vigo and other counties through the Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings grant program. The money is aimed at upgrading existing Hoosier roads and streets. Crouch said she began her government experience as a county commissioner. "How often does the state government give you money to help you do what you are charged with doing" as local officials? Couch asked. "From my experience, it didn't happen very often," Couch said. The state is able to fund the grant through a higher state gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The Indiana General Assembly raised the gasoline tax 10 cents per gallon, increasing it to 28 cents. Most vehicle registration fees will increase \$15, starting in January, while fees for hybrid vehicles will be \$50 and \$150 for electric vehicles. The grant program is expected to increase to \$190 million next year, Crouch said. "We are going to continue to invest in our local communities," Crouch said. "If we truly are going to be the crossroads of America, we have to invest in our infrastructure, because it is what is going to move our goods" and Hoosiers across the state. "Infrastructure drives economic development. If we are going to take our state to the next level ... we need infrastructure that is accountable, efficient and effective ... [for] the people who are paying for it," Crouch said. Clay County

Commissioner President Paul Sinders was among Wabash Valley officials to attend the event. Sinders said Clay County last year received \$1 million in matching grant funds. "That was very, very beneficial because we were able to pave a lot of county roads or chip and seal or double chip and seal roads," Sinders said. "We were hoping to get more this year, but unfortunately we only got just over \$314,000 so that is something that we will have to live with and work with and hopefully we will do better next year," he said. Like Clay County, Vigo County last year also received \$1 million in a matching grant. This year Vigo County received \$480,625.
http://www.tribstar.com/news/local_news/crouch-awards-community-crossings-grant-checks/article_e6db14f0-4c31-5f59-a6a8-da268e9f0836.html

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