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Tuesday, October 13, 2026

1:00-4:00 PM | Grant Readiness Workshop in La Salle Meeting Room

Local governments depend on funding to develop the community, infrastructure, and public services. To truly optimize and manage grants, municipalities need to understand how the grant life cycle works. Understanding potential challenges in grant management will help you prepare for them early and provide your community with the support it needs.

1:00 – 1:10 PM | Opening Remarks

- **Dr. Anshu Singh, Executive Director, IRCTI**

1:10 – 2:00 PM | Local Government Success in Grant Development

- **Kevin Lindeman, Executive Director at North Central Illinois Council of Governments**
- **Eric Miller, Executive Director at TriCounty Regional Planning Commission**
- **Stacy Janda- Nimmo, CEO, Western Illinois Regional Council & Community Action Agency**

2:00 – 2:15 PM | Leah Cummings, Constituent Service Representative & Grant Coordinator for Congressman Darin LaHood, Illinois 16th Congressional District

2:20 – 3:00 PM | Implementing Best Practices in Compliance Procedures

- **April Burgett, Business Manager & Illini Certified Research Administrator University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Vice Chancellor Research Institutes and Illinois Natural History Survey- Illinois River Biological Station**
- **Amber Broughton, Technical Support Manager, Office of Accountability, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity**

3:00 – 3:45 PM | Challenges in Local Grant Management

- **Charles R. "Bob" Brettell, Managing Partner, The Prosody Group Capital Strategy & Project Development**

3:45 – 4:00 PM | Questions

4:00 PM | Adjourn