

New ways of doing business and changing lifestyle preferences have created many opportunities and challenges for Illinois communities.

The Growing Communities Initiative simplifies the route to community growth by providing the tools you need - all in one place. With no annual fees to participate and select services at fixed costs or free of charge, all communities can benefit.



HOW CAN GCI HELP?

GCI offers communities access to data, innovative practices, continuing education, and expertise at an affordable cost, enabling them to evaluate and act on economic opportunities. A selection of fixed price and free services are listed below.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Webinars, workshops, and presentations at events across the state.



COMMUNITY DATA PACKAGES

Data sets answer questions developers, business owners, municipal officials, and grant making agencies often ask.



SURVEYS

Select from survey templates on various topics. CGS staff will manage the survey and tabulate results.



RESEARCH ON DEMAND

Request research by CGS staff on specific issues including internet searches, professional contacts, or other avenues.



GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS

Coordinate grant applications addressing issues and potential projects of interest to one or more communities.

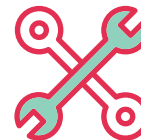
NO COST SERVICE



NEWSLETTER

Information on innovative approaches to growing communities, grants and funding opportunities, best practices, tools, and articles

NO COST SERVICE



ONLINE TOOLBOX

Downloadable templates, new ideas, best practices, relevant articles, helpful links and more.

NO COST SERVICE