

There's \$1,000,000 Waiting for Your Ideas - Find Out What's Possible!

Safety Grants from the State of Indiana: It's easier than you think with UPPA!

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Who am I?

Underground Plant Protection Account (UPPA) fund Program Manager

What do I do?

Plan UPPA spending, research outreach opportunities, write media items, coordinate training sessions, review UPPA requests, maintain UPPA website



Most importantly – I help you get money!



Today

What is the UPPA Fund? What can money be spent on? Where has the money been spent? How to maximize your odds to receive a UPPA grant



Underground Plant Protection Account

If Indiana's One-Call law is violated, civil fines can be issued.

Underground Plant Protection Advisory Committee (UPPAC) recommends a penalty and IURC may approve the penalty.

How much is in there now?

Approximately \$1M

Does NOT revert - UPPA is a dedicated fund.



What can you do?

IC 8-1-26 lists three program types that must be established and administered by the IURC.

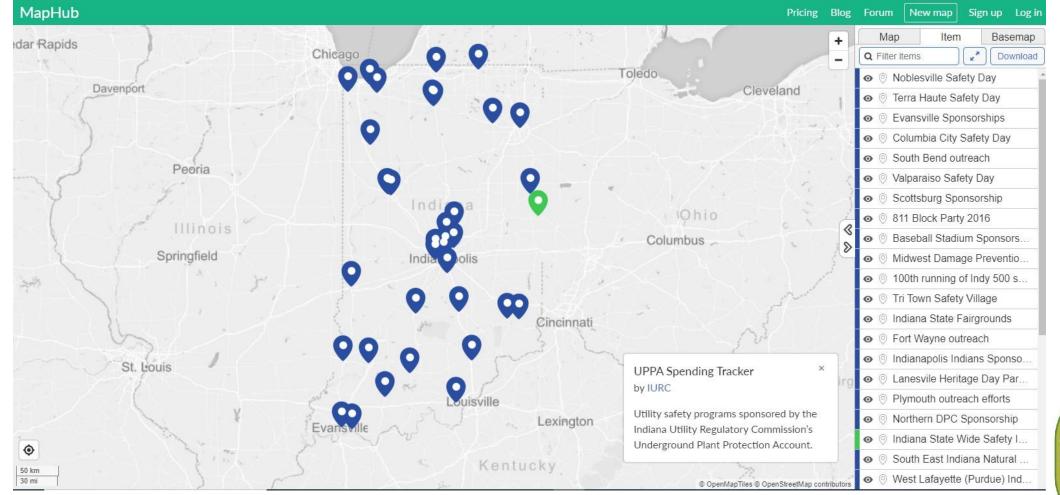
Public awareness

Training and education

Incentives

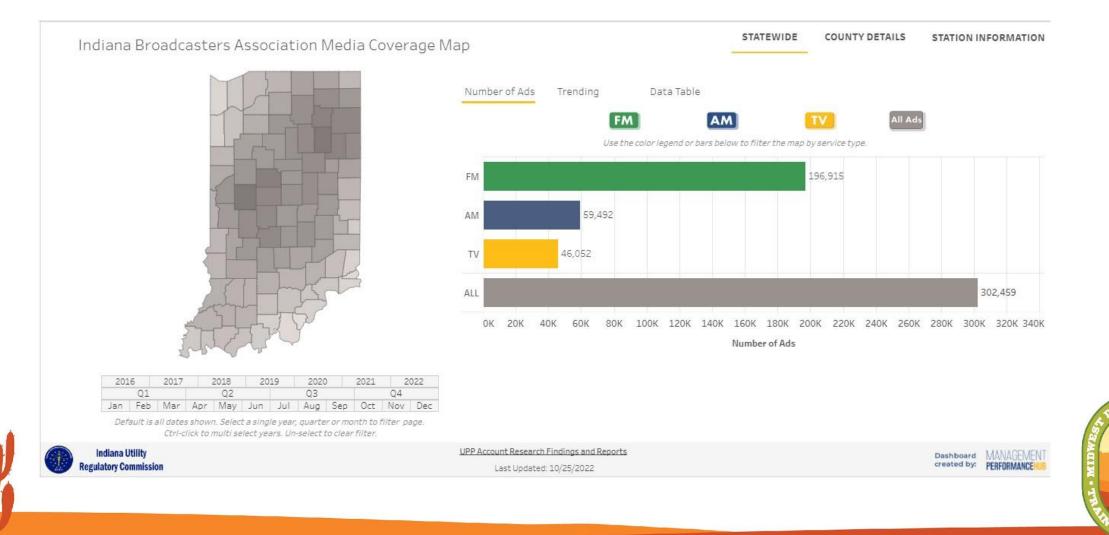


Where *has* money been spent?





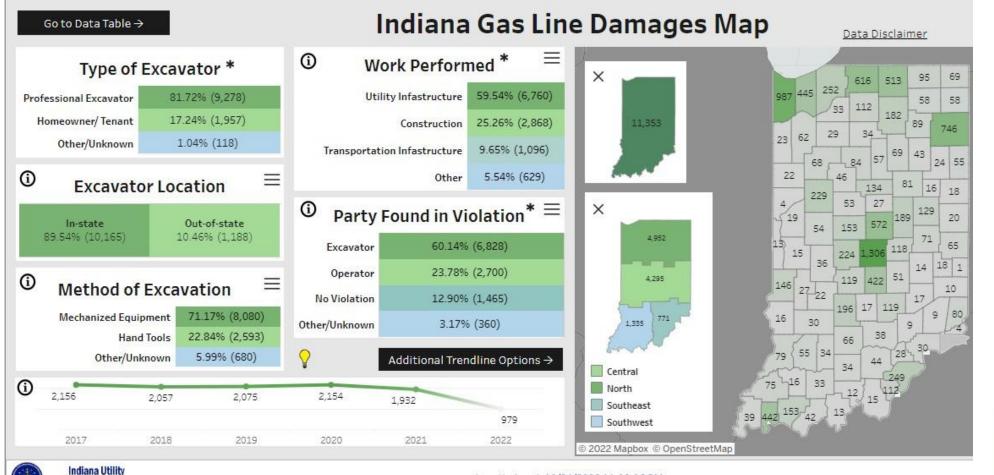
Broadcast Marketing



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Damage Tracking Map

Regulatory Commission



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The General Grant Process

- Download the grant app
- Fill it out only 24 questions
- Email it to me <u>DarbMiller@urc.in.gov</u>
- I will review
- Presentation to full committee
- Payments generally made within 35 days of invoicing
 - Payments are always by direct deposit. (W-9, bank account, etc.)



Provide More Details

Explain your **plan** - Explain your **budget**

• Who – What – When – Where – How – Why

"Money for training" – is not a description of what you want to do "It'll be good for safety" – is not a clear reason for a grant "Supplies" – is not a description of what you're buying "2023ish" – is not a timeline for your project "Workers" – is not the demographic



Once You're Approved

- Provide a W-9 (does it match your application?)
- Provide direct deposit information
- Register as a "bidder" with IDOA
- Sign your grant when it's ready through DocuSign
- Payment generally within 35 days of invoicing

Your company may already be in the state's system - I'll check for you!



Open Discussion

What do you want to do?

What questions do you have?

What should UPPA invest in?



Thank you

Contact me with any questions – take a card!





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