

DUBOIS STRONG

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Our mission is to maximize our resources and assets to foster economic growth in Dubois County.

Summer + Fall 2021 Events



DC Entrepreneurs and Innovators and Young Professional Network of Southern Indiana

DC Entrepreneurs and Innovators committee hosted a networking event on October 21st at St. Benedict's Brew Works, River Centre. Ryan Miller with Gamerized spoke about starting his business. Food and drinks were sponsored by Elevate Ventures.

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Dubois Strong 2021 Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting was held September 16th at the Huntingburg Event Center. Many thanks to our investors, sponsors, and everyone in attendance for supporting our organization this year. We were happy to feature Tina Peterson (ROI) and Jason DuPont (Lochmueller Group) as our speakers. It was good to be back in person!

Ag Summit

Dubois Strong, partnering with Vincennes University Jasper and the Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District, hosted the Southwest Indiana Agricultural Economic Summit at VUJ on November 5th. The Summit was geared toward on updating local producers, agricultural businesses, and financial institutions on the latest in economic programs and opportunities in the county. Speakers included Christian Blome (VUJ Dean), Bennett Fuson (EDP Renewables), James Mintert (Purdue), and Maggie Daily (Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, Indiana Corn Growers Association)

Dubois County Relocation Impact Grant



Justin Neal has become the first recipient of the Dubois County Relocation Impact Grant. This grant is provided in partnership with Dubois Strong, The Dubois County Community Foundation, and Radius Indiana and is part of the Make My Move/Choose Southern Indiana initiative with TMap to incentivize out-of-state workers to move to Dubois County.

Justin, originally from Huntingburg, is in the process of retiring from the U.S. Air Force after a 20 year career. He is a decorated veteran with 11 deployments to his credit. Justin is a Master Sergeant (E7) with a bachelors degree in Human Resources and has training as an aircraft mechanic.

As Justin started looking at retirement, he could have decided to settle down near any major airport or military installation, but ultimately wanted to raise his two children in Dubois County with his wife, Jennifer, who is also a Dubois County native. Justin will be working at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center through the military skill bridge program as he transitions to civilian employment in human resources.

This grant opportunity provides assistance to the Neal family in establishing their new life back home in Dubois County.

Additional Dubois County Relocation Impact Grants are available. For more information, please contact Dubois Strong via email at success@duboisstrong.com or by phone at 812.482.9650.

Enterprise Loan Fund



Do you know someone considering starting a small business? The **Dubois Strong Enterprise Loan Fund (ELF)** makes loans for small business start-ups and existing businesses.

Justin Hoskins is the most recent recipient of our Enterprise Loan Fund. With help from Dubois Strong, Justin was able to open **Jasper Motorsport** in November.

Eligibility for the loan program is limited to businesses located within Dubois County. We can provide loan qualification information. **Digital and hard copy applications are available.** Let us help you launch your small business or help your existing business buy the new machine or equipment you need. Contact us at: ecole@duboisstrong.com

Housing Update



[CLICK HERE](#) to see the current status of known housing projects in Dubois County.

2022 Investment Campaign



Our 2022 Investment Campaign begins in January. As a public-private partnership, half of our economic development funding comes from community-minded businesses and organizations like yours.

We are Dubois County's economic development source for innovative entrepreneurs and thriving businesses. We work to grow new businesses and to expand existing ones. We support our clients with marketing, networking, training seminars, access to capital, site selection assistance, and intellectual properties. Our philosophy is to make a business startup, an expansion, or a relocation as easy and user-friendly as possible.

Your tax-deductible investment will immediately assist in the following areas:

- * Workforce Attraction
- * Housing
- * Infrastructure Enhancement
- * Improvement of Rural Broadband Access

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