



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS



# IC 36-6-9-5 (NEW)

[2026 Enrolled Acts, HEA Enrolled Act 1200, page 3,268](#)

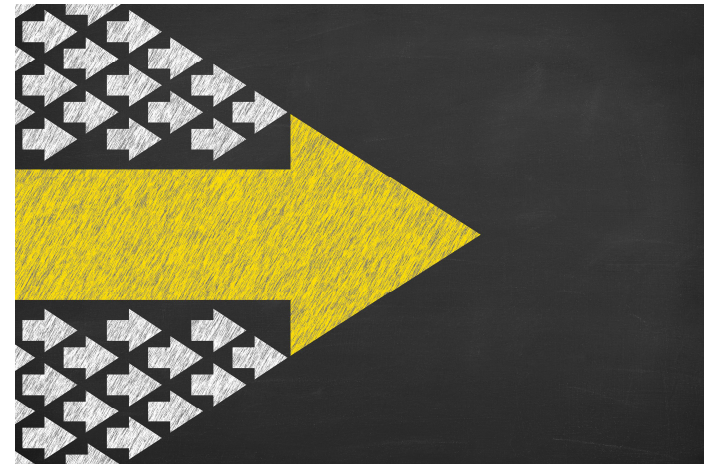
[Indiana Code 36-6-9-5](#)

- Before January 1, 2028, this chapter applies to a township if the total amount of funds in a township's capital improvement funds exceeds:
  - One hundred fifty percent (150%) of the township's total annual budget estimate for the ensuing year and
  - Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
- After December 31, 2027, this chapter applies to all townships, including those townships that have merged under IC 36-6-1.5 or reorganized under IC 36-1.5



# IC 36-6-9-12 (REVISED)

- Beginning ~~July 1, 2025~~, **January 1, 2028**, a township must adopt a plan on an annual basis. The township must file the plan with the department of local government finance in the form and manner prescribed by the department of local government finance.
- A plan must include:
  - The balance of all unrestricted funds that exceed the township's budget for the following year; and
  - The purpose for which all unrestricted funds are being retained



# What the change means

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- Township Roads and Infrastructure Funds
  - Still required to be established
- DLGF Template



# Overview and Refresher on the Capital Improvement Plan

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# Examples of Capital Improvements

- Cemetery restoration
    - Fence, tree work, monument/headstone repair, memorial benches, signs
  - Fire equipment
  - Parks or playground equipment
  - Audio/Visual Equipment (board meeting recordings)
  - Parking lot re-pavement
  - Office Equipment (printer, copier, computers, etc.)
  - Community Center/Building supplies
    - Tables, chairs, etc.
  - Building upgrades/improvements
    - ADA accessibility
    - HVAC
    - Restrooms
  - Purchase of land/building
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# DLGF Template

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- Unrestricted Funds for 30% Transfer
  - General
  - Rainy Day
- Funds to Include in Capital Improvement Plan
  - All funds eligible to expend funds for capital projects
    - Rainy Day
    - General
    - Fire
    - Cumulative Fire
    - Parks & Recreation
    - Capital Projects Funds




# DLGF Template, continued


- Cash balance calculation
  - Budget Form 4B
- SBOA interpretation:
  - For purposes of defining “unrestricted funds,” SBOA’s audit position is that certificates of deposit (CDs) are restricted by contractual obligation and restricted by a third-party and are therefore excepted from the definition of “unrestricted funds” under IC 36-6-9-4.5. [IC 36-6-9-4.5(5), (6)].
  - However, funds invested with TrustIndiana, because they are not subject to a time restriction or withdrawal penalty, are considered unrestricted funds.

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