Community Development Clinic: Ask an Expert
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Illinois communities are entering a “do it yourself” phase, during which the potential for future development rests on the abilities of community residents to leverage resources internal to the community and seek out appropriate and complementary resources external to the community. What is available to communities in our state? And how have these resources been put to use? What is guiding funding agencies as they make investments? In this session, Jerry Townsend of Rural Partners will facilitate brief presentations from our panel, followed by a discussion of options, opportunities and outcomes of programs and resources available to Illinois communities.