

Delphi's Stellar designation draws national interest

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DELPHI, Ind. (WLFI) – The city of Delphi was in the National spotlight Tuesday. Government agencies from across the country visited Delphi to see how the Stellar Communities Program has helped the city.

The Stellar Communities designation helps different areas in Indiana receive state and federal funding. Nearly 100 government agency workers from all over the US were on hand to see changes in Delphi since it was named a Stellar Community in 2012.

The Stellar Communities Program won a national award in 2013 for its work in small communities like Delphi.

The designation has helped Delphi get millions of dollars in federal funds for projects around the city.

Mayor Randy Strasser says it's an honor to have people visit Delphi.

“For the state agencies to actually use us as a model on a program that has national people on it, it's an honor and we're excited about it.”

Those who visited Delphi say this is a great example of what they would like to achieve.

“We represent small towns and states who actually work with small towns, and to see a small town like Delphi and work with them and to see the progress they are making is just terrific,” said John Greiner, President of the Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSFDA).

Those visiting took a tour of the Opera House, checked out the building facades and other improvements downtown to show the impact of the Stellar Communities Program.