

**PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021 - 1:00 P.M.**

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**MINUTES OF THE
PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING**

MARCH 8, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge Hollis Alexander, Crissy Carter, Mayor John Choat, Mayor Kevin Cotton, Judge Larry Curling, Mayor Gary Damron, Deb Domke, Bart Frazer, Mayor Arthur Green, Judge Garrett Gruber, Lori Harper, JoAnn Holder, Adam Ledford, Mayor Wendell Lynch, Judge Todd Mansfield, Judge Perry Newcom, Karen Robinson, Roger Simpson, Bernard Standard, John Sumner, Judge Steve Tribble, Judge Jack Whitfield, Lee Wilson, Mayor Jan Yonts, and Mayor Kota Young.

GUESTS: Ms. Nancy Brown, PMP, State Director, KYPTAC

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and recognized a voting quorum. Due to the current State of Emergency regarding threats to public health presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting was conducted by videoconference (Zoom).
- II. **PLEDGE/INVOCATION:** Ms. Deb Domke led the pledge and Mr. Bernard Standard led the invocation.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Board Meeting was presented for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Judge Perry Newcom to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes as presented; motion carried.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Crissy Carter, Board Treasurer, presented the February 28, 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Overall, all line items are within the operating budget at \$2,210,094.53 (54.57% vs. 66.67%) year-to-date. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Judge Steve Tribble to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Bart Frazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- V. **FEDERAL AND STATE REPORTS:**
 1. U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell/Morgan Alvey – Ms. Morgan Alvey, Field Representative, reported the \$1.9T stimulus bill passed with Democrats in favor and Republicans against (in contrast to last year) in part to due to the lack of non-COVID related funding included. Only 9% of funding is designated to the health care fight against COVID-19 and only 1% to vaccinations. In terms of getting children (K-12) back into school, only 5% of funding is designated and the bill will go back to the House and Senate for revision later this week. Their office has been tracking damage caused by the recent flooding. Please let them know if you have any questions regarding the FEMA Disaster Declaration process or need assistance. There were no questions or concerns.
 2. U.S. Senator Rand Paul/Jon Crosby – Mr. Jon Crosby, Field Representative, reported through the parliamentary process, Senator Paul identified non-COVID related funding in the stimulus bill that was removed by the Democrats. Jason Hasert's recovery from COVID-19 is going well and he hopes to be back in the office in the very near future. There were no questions or concerns.

3. U.S. Congressman James Comer/Corey Elder – Mr. Corey Elder, Field Representative, reported their office has also been tracking flood damage and last week he visited areas in both Christian and Todd counties. There are a lot of FEMA resources available that we can provide should you need assistance. Congressman Comer is concerned about excessive spending and allocation of funding designated to COVID-19 in the stimulus bill. We need to be smart about spending and ensure those that need help are getting it. There were no questions or concerns.
4. KY State Representative Melinda Gibbons Prunty – Rep. Melinda Gibbons Prunty reported there are six days remaining in the legislative session in Frankfort. They have passed bills to help revive the economy and continue to work on legislation regarding the Governor's executive powers. They continue to hear about unemployment issues and are in the process of passing legislation to provide unemployment insurance relief to small businesses. We need to protect people who were overpaid at no fault of their own. Work continues on passing a state budget by the end of this week which may end up being a continuation of the previous budget. She was excited to attend the announcement by Madisonville Community College regarding their new aviation program to train both helicopter and fixed-wing pilots with simulators housed at both Madisonville Regional Airport and Muhlenberg County Airport. This is a great educational and job opportunity for our district. There were no questions or concerns.
5. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)/Deneatra Henderson – Ms. Deneatra Henderson, KYTC Chief Engineer, District 2, reported this is "pot hole" season, especially in high traffic locations. The Transportation Department is aware of problem areas and are addressing them, sometimes even twice a day. If there is an area of concern in your county, please let us know. There were no questions or concerns.
6. Department for Local Government (DLG)/Elton Thomas – Mr. Elton Thomas, DLG Field Representative, reported the COVID-19 vaccination process is going well and we are seeing a decline in positive cases. State parks have received funding for improvements in twelve counties. The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) application process for funding is now open. There were no questions or concerns.
7. KYTC Department for Rural & Municipal Aid/Doug Taylor – Mr. Doug Taylor, Field Representative, stated if you have any questions regarding the Emergency Co-op Program, please contact him. There were no questions or concerns.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living – Ms. Jill Collins, Director, Pennyryle AAAIL, provided the following report:
 - FY19-21 Area Plan Revisions – a copy of the revisions to the FY19-21 Area Plan was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Ms. Collins stated the revised plan will be submitted to the Department of Area Agencies on Aging & Independent Living (DAAIL) at the end of this month. There were no questions or concerns.
 - National Social Work Month – the month of March celebrates Social Work and Social Workers. An article is included in the March newsletter and we would like to recognize all of our social workers and thank them. They are essential to the connection between clients and services. Informational.
 - Aging Waiting List - a copy of the Aging Waiting List as of March 2, 2021 was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Clients on the waiting list are currently being served home delivered meals until COVID funding is depleted. Informational.

- Senior Citizen Centers – DAAIL released a draft plan for input/discussion regarding reopening of the Senior Citizen Centers. We will submit our responses to them today. As of right now, no date has been set. There were no questions or concerns.
 - Pennyrile AAAIL Meal Update – As of 2/23/2021, a total of 250,575 hot meals were served to clients age 60 plus, which is an average of 1,100 meals per day. We are thankful to our provider, PACS, for the great job they are doing. We have seven clients who elected to place their services on hold due to the pandemic; we continue to check on them to ensure their other needs are being met. There were no questions or concerns.
 - COVID-19 Vaccinations – we have started receiving calls through our ADRC program to assist individuals with finding a vaccination site in their area and connecting them to that location. There were no questions or concerns.
2. Community & Economic Development – Ms. Amy Frogue, Associate Director – CED, provided the following report:
- Funding Opportunities – Ms. Frogue gave a slide presentation overview of Delta Regional Authority (DRA) State’s Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) funding available through the 2021 Federal Grant Program and reviewed criteria for eligible applicants, eligible activities, application requirements and deadlines. A copy of the slide presentation and criteria was provided in the online board meeting packet; copies are attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns.
 - IGR Report – a copy of the IGR Report was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. One project has been submitted for review for the City of Mortons Gap. There were no questions or concerns.
3. West Kentucky Workforce – Ms. Sheila Clark, Director, WKWB, provided the following report:
- Labor Market Snapshot – data for the Labor Market Snapshot report has not been released yet; we will have a report to present next month.
 - WIOA Comprehensive Regional & Local Workforce Strategic Plan – Ms. Clark reported the Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act (WIOA) planning process began this month, both locally and regionally, to develop a five year strategic plan. Final draft plans will be available for public review with a 30 day comment period on or about April 30, 2021. There were no questions or concerns.
 - KY Career Centers – discussions continue with the Kentucky Labor Cabinet and partner agencies regarding setting a date to resume face-to-face appointments at Career Centers as long as CDC guidelines can be followed. More information will be forthcoming. There were no questions or concerns.
 - Upcoming Events – the Education & Workforce Development Cabinet Virtual Bus Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. The virtual tour will showcase ten local workforce areas in KY as well as partner agencies, special programs, and job opportunities in the region. A Regional Entrepreneur Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; an informational flier was provided in the online board meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The next West Kentucky Workforce Board (WKWB) meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. There were no questions or concerns.
 - Request for Proposals – Ms. Clark reviewed a Request for Proposal One-Stop Operator and a Request for Proposal Direct Services. A copy of both RFPs was provided in the online board meeting packet; copies are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Clark reviewed the bid timetable. Contract periods are for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025 and the response deadline is April 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (CDT). There were no questions or concerns.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

2. Monthly Code of Ethics Report – Judge Newcom, Board Chair, stated no violations have been reported during the month. Informational; no action required.
3. Guest Speaker – Judge Newcom, Board Chair, welcomed and introduced guest speaker Ms. Nancy Brown, PMP, State Director, Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center (KYPTAC). Ms. Brown gave a slide presentation overview of the organization's mission, State-wide services, and Federal funding dependent upon KY Match. KYPTAC promotes inclusive economic development by assisting companies to sell to Federal, State and Local government, as well as helping them to access subcontracts with large contractors. Their goal is to help Kentucky businesses enter & compete in the government space and the services they offer are free of charge. There were no questions or concerns.
4. West Kentucky Coalition (WKC) – Judge Jack Whitfield, WKC Board Chair, provided an update on the organization's activities. We are seeing good membership representation from the counties in our region, but only 30% of the cities in our region are participating. He encouraged County Judge Executives to reach out to their cities. The board recently held a virtual meeting to discuss efforts to support legislation they would like to see get passed by working with our legislators in Frankfort. There were no questions or concerns.
5. Director's Report – Mr. Jason Vincent, PeADD Executive Director, expressed appreciation to Ms. Brown for her presentation; we look forward to working with KYPTAC in the future. Mr. Vincent provided the following report:
 - HB561 – Mr. Vincent asked Mr. John Mahre, PeADD Regional Transportation Committee Chair, to provide an update on HB561. Mr. Mahre reported the bill seeks to set a single excise tax on gas and special fuels at an initial base rate of 34.6 cents per gallon with an index up to 10% per fiscal year, establish a base highway user fee for non-hybrid electric vehicles at \$150, and \$75 for hybrid vehicles. The bill is currently being reviewed by the KY House, but the legislative session will be ending in a matter of a few days. Both the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce are working hard to bring about awareness. Please contact your local State representatives to voice support of this bill. Rep. Prunty stated she understands the need for the gas tax increase; however, expressed concern regarding the burden a tax increase places on individuals who are already struggling financially due to unemployment. There were no questions or concerns.
 - State Budget – the KY General Assembly began meeting to develop the state budget just a few hours ago. The legislative session is scheduled to conclude on Tuesday, March 30. Informational.
 - HB367 – this bill will add public employment offices in specific areas when the local workforce area has an unemployment rate above 5%. The bill has been passed by the KY House and is being reviewed by the KY Senate, but may be stalled due to the cost of re-opening these offices. Rep. Prunty stated she has talked with several legislators and offices need to be located strategically with consideration to cost. There were no questions or concerns.
 - SB276 – this bill creates a KY Education and Workforce Collaborative to implement policies and provide oversight of and decision making by workforce boards at the local level. It has been introduced, but may be stalled in committee. There were no questions or concerns.

- HB320 – this bill will provide flexibility for electric cooperatives in broadband development and distribution. Last year, the PeADD Board of Directors approved a resolution in support of this bill, specifically noting Kenergy Corporation. There were no questions or concerns.
- KY HCR55- this legislation creates a Home & Community Based Services Waiver Redesign Task Force to review previous waiver redesign efforts and develop recommendations to ensure the quality and stability of waiver services in KY. Currently, we provide 20% of these services across the state and Area Development Districts do not have representation on the task force. We hope to see this change and Rep. Prunty has been helping in this effort. There were no questions or concerns.
- Annual Dinner Meeting – the June Annual Dinner meeting will be moved to Monday, September 13, 2021 in hopes of holding an in-person celebration event. A regular business meeting of the Board of Directors will still take place on Monday, June 14 and will serve as the annual meeting. Please note this change on your calendars. We have started to sign contracts with venues and are making plans to hold in-person events this year such as the Pride of Pennyryle Industry Appreciation event and the Annual Board Christmas Luncheon. Plans will be adjusted as needed per COVID guidelines. There were no questions or concerns.
- PADD Press Newsletter – a copy of the March 2021 issue of the PADD Press was provided in the online board meeting packet and it is full of great information this month. Next month's issue will include an article about Madisonville Community College's new aviation program and thanks to Rep. Prunty for mentioning it. It is a great opportunity for our region especially with Fort Campbell in close proximity. There were no questions or concerns.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: None

IX. ADJOURN: With no further business, **Motion** was made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Judge Jack Whitfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair

Mayor Jan Yonts, Secretary

PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Monthly Expenditure Report
as of
March 31, 2021

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>% Expended</u>
PERSONNEL				
Total Salaries	1,955,813.00	150,104.55	1,292,415.14	66.08%
Total Benefits	1,160,195.00	89,061.32	778,562.66	67.11%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	3,116,008.00	239,165.87	2,070,977.80	66.46%
TRAVEL				
Staff Travel	82,500.00	840.22	5,566.85	6.75%
Board Travel	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRAVEL	92,500.00	840.22	5,566.85	6.02%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	841,614.00	41,966.77	415,522.74	49.37%
GRAND TOTALS	<u><u>4,050,122.00</u></u>	<u><u>281,972.86</u></u>	<u><u>2,492,067.39</u></u>	<u><u>61.53%</u></u>

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

On January 29, 2021, The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) released a statement informing all waiver providers the new go-live date is April 1, 2021. However, on March 16, 2021, providers received a letter from DMS reporting they are concerned about the impact of the EVV system on waiver providers and participants due to identified performance issues with function, efficiency, reliability, and intermittent slowness in both Tellus EVV application and Provider Portal. As a result, DMS has decided to pause the required use of Tellus EVV and a new date will be set in the upcoming weeks.

Home & Community Based Waiver (PDS/ Traditional) and Veterans Directed Care Update.

Participant Directed Services (PDS) / Home and Community Based Waiver is an alternative to the traditional service delivery model under the Medicaid Waivers. The PDS program is designed to allow clients to have more choice, flexibility and options regarding their in-home waiver services. Currently Pennyrile AAAIL is serving over 238 active HCB clients, and has 60 clients currently in the pending status. The Veterans Directed Program (VDC) has the same goal of preventing or prolonging someone being placed in a long-term care facility by providing non-skilled services in the veteran's home. There are currently 83 active veterans in the VDC Program and 4 currently in the pending status.



On March 10, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued revised visitation guidance. The guidance eases some of the restrictions on general indoor visitation while maintaining much of the guidance from September 17, 2020. To see the complete revised CMS document visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

Highlights include:

- Facilities should allow indoor visitation at all times and for all residents except in certain specific circumstances.
- There are now fewer circumstances under which indoor visitation can be completely suspended.
- Fully vaccinated residents can have close contact, including touch, with visitors as long as they wear a mask and practice hand hygiene.
- Visitors should not be required to be tested or vaccinated as a condition of visitation.
- CMS continues to emphasize that facilities shall not restrict visitation without a reasonable clinical or safety cause and that nursing homes must facilitate in-person visitation consistent with the federal nursing home regulations.
- Visitation must be person-centered and “consider the resident’s physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and support their quality of life.”
- **Before your first indoor visit it is still recommended to call the facility first and inquire about their specific policy for indoor visitation.**
- As always, if you run into any problems or need information or assistance, contact your local District Ombudsman, Cindy Tabor at 270-886-9484 cindy.tabor@ky.gov



March 29, 2021

To: Area Agencies on Aging

From: Sandy Markwood, CEO

Re: President Biden's Announcement of New \$100 Million Investment in the Aging and Disability Networks to Support COVID-19 Vaccination

For more than a year, n4a has been championing the COVID-19–related needs of the older adults you serve and your individual and collective ability to meet those needs—with appropriate resources. With a total of \$2.7 billion in emergency federal funding secured for the Older Americans Act in the past year, our advocacy efforts and your implementation have been tremendously successful.

But the work is still far from over. For several months, n4a has been talking non-stop to Congress, the Biden Administration, the CDC and the media about the role you have been playing or are poised to play in supporting the vaccination of older adults. This n4a advocacy led to hundreds of millions of additional dollars in the American Rescue Plan Act for OAA Title III B Supportive Services to support those efforts.

Today brought even more recognition of your work and our advocacy!

President Biden [announced today](#) that an additional \$100 million has been allocated from CDC to ACL to support the efforts of the aging and disability networks in assisting with vaccination—from scheduling to providing supportive services such as transportation and on-site assistance. (Read the [HHS press release](#).)

Of that amount, \$50 million will go to the Aging Network via state units on aging and then to AAAs, and an additional \$26 million will be made available to ADRCs. ACL reports that the \$50 million for the Aging Network will be distributed via the Older Americans Act Title III funding formula and the hope is that allocations will be made to states within two weeks.

The Eldercare Locator, which n4a operates for the U.S. Administration on Aging, will receive \$2 million to provide Information and Referral assistance to older adults who are homebound or otherwise do not have anyone who can support them in navigating the often-complex vaccination process, and additional funding to use the Eldercare Locator's infrastructure to support the build-out of a disability-focused call center. While the direct services, such as transportation or companion care at vaccination sites, will be provided by the aging and disability networks on the ground, the Eldercare Locator's role is to help the most in-need people connect to you.

More details will emerge soon and n4a will keep you posted as we learn more, but **I want to thank you for the incredible dedication you and your staff and volunteers have shown during this long year of responding to COVID-19.** n4a will continue to fight for AAAs so you can continue to meet the needs of older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers, now and in the future.

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PENNYRILE AAAIL WAITING LIST

As of April 5, 2021

	Home Delivered Meals	Homemaking	Personal Care
Caldwell	48	31	10
Christian	216	102	33
Crittenden	28	1	8
Hopkins	128	45	8
Livingston	13	2	7
Lyon	36	19	10
Muhlenberg	42	15	2
Todd	35	5	4
Trigg	73	13	11
Totals	619	233	93

Pennyrile AAAIL Meals Update

	3/16/2020 - 3/19/2021	Total Clients Served	Current Clients
COVID19 Home Delivered Meals	127,635	1,201	763
Homecare & Title III Home Delivered Meals	88,159	448	310
Curbside Pick-Up Meals (Congregate Meals)	58,104	594	153
Shelf Stable Meals	6,527	596	349
TOTALS	280,425	2,146 unduplicated	1,376 unduplicated

Current Homecare & Title III clients on hold due to COVID19	7
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April 12, 2021

Dear Meal Client:

We hope the temporary meals provided for you during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic have been helpful. As we begin to plan for the end of the pandemic meals funding, we need your help!

We need for everyone who is able, to pick up their meal at the senior center – anyone over the age of 60 is welcome and encouraged to do so. Please see the attached list of sites, days, and times where meals will be available in your county. This will be the same meal that you are receiving now – the only difference is that you will need to pick it up at the senior center rather than it being delivered to your home.

By June 1, 2021, meal delivery will be available only for those who are **unable** to get to the senior center to pick up a meal. **Please help us to plan for a smooth transition by completing the attached form and returning it to your meal driver by April 23, 2021.**

Thank you for your assistance. We are honored to serve you and keep you safe during these difficult times. We look forward to reopening our senior centers soon so we can see each other in person again!

If you have questions, please reach out to our office at 1-866-844-4396 and we will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Amanda Stokes
In Home Services Manager

Curbside Meal Pick-Up Information:

Each site offers curbside meals on Monday through Friday.

Caldwell County Senior Center

200 Eagle Street
Princeton, KY 42445
270-365-7446
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Crittenden County Senior Center

210 N. Walker Street
Marion, KY 42064
270-965-5229
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Dawson Springs Satellite Site

Clarkdale Court (Housing Authority)
Dawson Springs, KY 42408
270-821-9173
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Lyon County Senior Center

631 W. Dale Avenue
Eddyville, KY 42038
270-388-2171
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Todd County Senior Center

104 Morris Weathers Street
Elkton, KY 42220
270-265-5935
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Christian County Senior Center

1402 W. 7th Street
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
270-886-8885
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Hopkins County Senior Center

200 North Main Street
Madisonville, KY 42431
270-821-9173
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Livingston County Senior Center

508 Rudd Street
Smithland, KY 42081
270-928-2811
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Muhlenberg County Senior Center

55 Career Way
Powderly, KY 42367
270-338-6222
11:30AM – 12:00PM

Trigg County Senior Center

127 Joy Lane
Cadiz, KY 42211
270-522-8341
11:30 – 12:00PM

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Please choose which one of the following best describes you:

_____ I can come to the senior center to pick up my meal and I will begin picking it up on Tuesday June 1, 2021.

_____ I can go to the senior center, but I do not want to pick up a meal. I understand that my last meal will be delivered on Friday, May 28, 2021.

_____ I am physically able to go to the senior center, but I do not have transportation to get there. If transportation services were available, I would be able to attend.

_____ I am physically able to go to the senior center, but I only leave my home for essential activities, due to the risk of contracting COVID-19.

_____ I am not able to attend a senior center due to illness or an debilitating disability. I would like to be evaluated for continued eligibility to receive home delivered meals.

_____ I have someone in my home that is able to prepare my lunch meals. I understand that my last meal will be delivered on Friday, May 28, 2021.

Other (please explain): _____

****Please complete and return this form to your meal driver
by Friday, April 23, 2021. ****

LOAN REVIEW DATA SHEET

Company: Navya Pooja, LLC
300 W. 1st Street
Central City, KY 42330

Proposed Collateral: A. Co-1st mortgage on subject real estate
B. Lien on FF&E
B. Personal Guarantee

Total Project: \$450,000

Proposed Financing:	PADD	\$80,000
	First Kentucky Bank	\$370,000

Terms: 4% for 10 years

Summary: Navya Pooja, LLC has purchased a property at 10881 Highway 431, South Carrollton, Kentucky (formerly Phillips Crossroad Market) for the purpose of converting the facility to a convenience store. Jay and Pinki Patel, personal guarantors, purchased the property in late 2020 for \$100,000. Renovation plans include the installation of a canopy and fuel pumps and renovating the existing building.

KYDOT traffic count puts average annual daily traffic at 5,836 vehicles at the store site located at the intersection of US Highway 431 and State Route 81, approximately ½ mile from the new Dollar General that opened in 2019. (See First Kentucky Credit Memo for additional background)

PADD has been requested to participate with First Kentucky Bank in the financing of the fuel service equipment. Total project cost is anticipated to be \$450,000. The project is anticipated to create 4 full-time jobs, 3 part-time jobs and retain 2 full-time and 1 part-time jobs at the location.

Appraisal by Pritchett & Associates dated 10/26/20 provides an as-proposed valuation of \$585,000 which includes \$348,000 in value to the real estate and \$237,000 in value for the fuel service equipment.



Project Summary Report

KY202103010302

Title: Christian County YMCA Project

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS:	Christian County Fiscal Court		Federal: \$100,000.00
Status: Approved			Applicant: \$0.00
Federal: USDA	Steve Tribble	Jared Nelson	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 10.351	(270) 887-4100	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Christian	cjst@christiancountyky.gov	jared.nelson@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$100,000.00
Desc.: Christian County Fiscal Court is applying for USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) funding to undertake infrastructure rehabilitation benefitting an area small business, in this case the Hopkinsville-Christian County YMCA, located at 7805 Eagle Way in Hopkinsville. Potential projects include: widening the facility's entrance road; paving and rehabilitating existing trails; fencing and LED lighting installation; and repairs and accessibility improvements to the facility's swimming area. Work is expected to begin upon release of funding.			

KY202103100371

Title: Guthrie Water System Rehabilitation Project

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS: WX21219008	City of Guthrie		Federal: \$0.00
Status: Under Review			Applicant: \$0.00
Federal: State Funds	Jimmy Covington	Kyle Cunningham	State: \$591,062.00
CFDA: 00.000	(270) 483-2511	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$8,198.00
County: Todd	guthriemayor@gmail.com	kyle.cunningham@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$599,260.00
Desc.: This upgrade project will be split into two separate contracts. Contract 1 will rehabilitate and repaint the City's 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank at an estimated cost of \$195,500. Contract 2 will include the replacement and upgrade of water mains along 5 roadways (<~4,000 LF) in the City (First Street, Lizzy Dancy Street, , Alley 3 between 3rd & 2nd, Alley behind Longhurst between Park & 2nd; and Green Street). These water mains are small diameter galvanized waterlines that have significant age and deterioration. The upgrades will provide improved flow and reduce O&M expense for multiple point repairs. This Contract is estimated to cost \$203,000.			
Revised Scope: The City has residual funds left over from the original project and proposes to replace approximately 450 LF of the 2" waterline on the north end of Cherry St with a 4" PVC waterline as well as replacing approximately 360 LF of existing 2" waterline on Merritt St with a 4" PVC line. The line replacement along Merritt St will also include a short line extension of approximately 60 LF of 4" PVC to connect to the line along Lizzy Dancy St. The project will also abandon the existing 6" waterline on the southside of East Park St between Kentucky St. and Tower St. and new meter connections will be connected to an existing 8" line on the opposite side of the road. A valve will be added to a short segment of 4" CI line that connects the existing line on Kentucky St with a better line on East Park St. and will allow the abandonment of the existing 6" CI between Kentucky St. and Tower St.			

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Title: Draft FY2022-FY2023 UPWP

Project Information		Applicant Information		Submitter Information	Funding Information	
WRIS:		Clarksville MPO			Federal:	\$50,400.00
Status:	Under Review				Applicant:	\$0.00
Federal:	DOT	Jill Hall		Jill Hall	State:	\$3,150.00
CFDA:	20.205	(931) 645-7448		(931) 645-7448	Local:	\$9,450.00
County:	Christian	jill.hall@cityofclarksville.com		jill.hall@cityofclarksville.com	Program:	\$0.00
					Other:	\$0.00
(List):					TOTAL:	\$63,000.00
Desc.:	Clarksville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Draft FY2022-FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program					



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Gov. Beshear: In-Person Unemployment Appointments Open April 7, Services Begin April 15

**After being closed for more than three years, regional offices to reopen for
in-person unemployment insurance assistance**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 6, 2021) — Gov. Andy Beshear and Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts announced today that in-person unemployment insurance (UI) services will open April 15 at more than a dozen regional Kentucky Career Centers (KCCs).

KCC staff will be available for in-person assistance by appointment only. At 1 p.m. EDT tomorrow, April 7, Kentuckians can begin scheduling Monday through Friday appointments at kcc.ky.gov.

Openings tomorrow will be for appointments April 15-30. Beginning April 19, appointments for May 3 will become available, with additional appointment times opening each day thereafter.

“When you combine years of painful staffing cuts, an out-of-date system designed to tell people no and the effects of a once-in-100-years pandemic – many Kentuckians have been unable to obtain benefits,” Gov. Beshear said. “In addition to taking many new actions to help Kentuckians in need, we are now making good on our promise to begin putting unemployment specialists back into the local career centers.”

Labor Secretary Roberts said the Kentucky Career Center staff is working diligently to prepare for opening day.

“It has taken a lot of work to make it happen in a short window of time, but our staff has worked hard in recent weeks to pull everything together to get us in a position to once again provide services that unemployment claimants need at this critical time,” Roberts said.

Under the previous administration, KCC locations around the state stopped providing in-person assistance to UI claimants in the fall of 2017.

The record level of unemployment spurred by the pandemic and years of painful staffing cuts, location reductions and failure to upgrade IT systems slowed the state’s ability to help many Kentuckians who lost jobs through no fault of their own.

The Governor’s proposed budget included General Fund spending of \$1.1 million in fiscal year 2021 and \$8.4 million in fiscal year 2022 to provide funding to restore employees to help with unemployment claims at the career centers throughout the commonwealth.

On March 31, Gov. Beshear spoke about [the need for additional state funding](#) to bolster career center staffing for the long term. The Labor Cabinet will be utilizing

current staff in the career centers that normally provide career counseling services to begin offering in-person UI assistance.

Kentucky Career Center Regional Locations

The cabinet will also be opening a new, temporary facility in Lexington, which will also provide UI assistance.

Ashland	1844 Carter Ave.	Ashland, KY 41042
Bowling Green	803 Chestnut St.	Bowling Green, KY 42101
Covington	1324 Madison Ave.	Covington, KY 41011
Elizabethtown	233 Ring Road, Suite 100	Elizabethtown, KY 42701
Hazard	412 Roy Campbell Dr.	Hazard, KY 41701
Hopkinsville	110 Riverfront Dr.	Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Lexington	2624 Research Park Dr.	Lexington, KY 40511
Louisville	600 W. Cedar St.	Louisville, KY 40202
Morehead	1225 U.S. Hwy. 60 West, Suite 160	Morehead, KY 40351
Owensboro	3108 Fairview Drive	Owensboro, KY 42303
Paducah	416 South 6th St.	Paducah, KY 42001
Prestonsburg	686 North Lake Drive	Prestonsburg, KY 41339
Somerset	410 East Mt. Vernon St.	Somerset, KY 42501

Special instructions

- Anyone attending an appointment must wear a mask at all times.
- Photo ID is required to enter a KCC building.
- Temperatures will be taken before entering KCC buildings due to COVID-19.
- Accommodations will not be made for those without appointments.
- While staff make every effort to answer all questions during this appointment, UI specialists may not be able to provide a resolution during a single appointment. Some claims could require additional paperwork or take additional time to complete. An additional appointment will not be necessary.

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Questions? [Contact us](#)

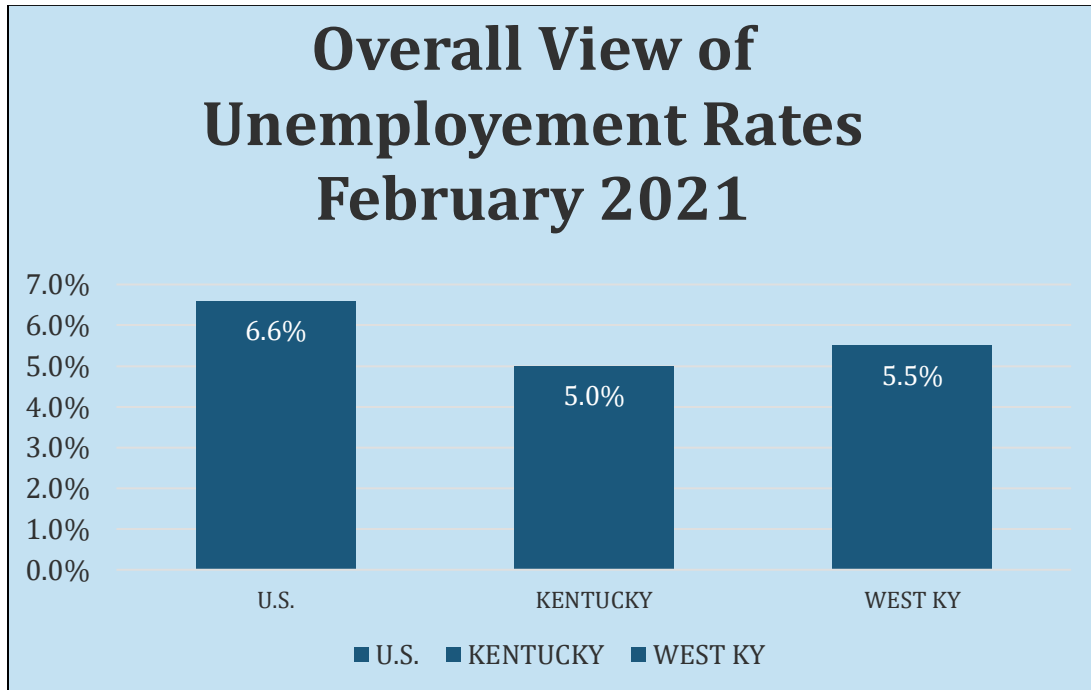


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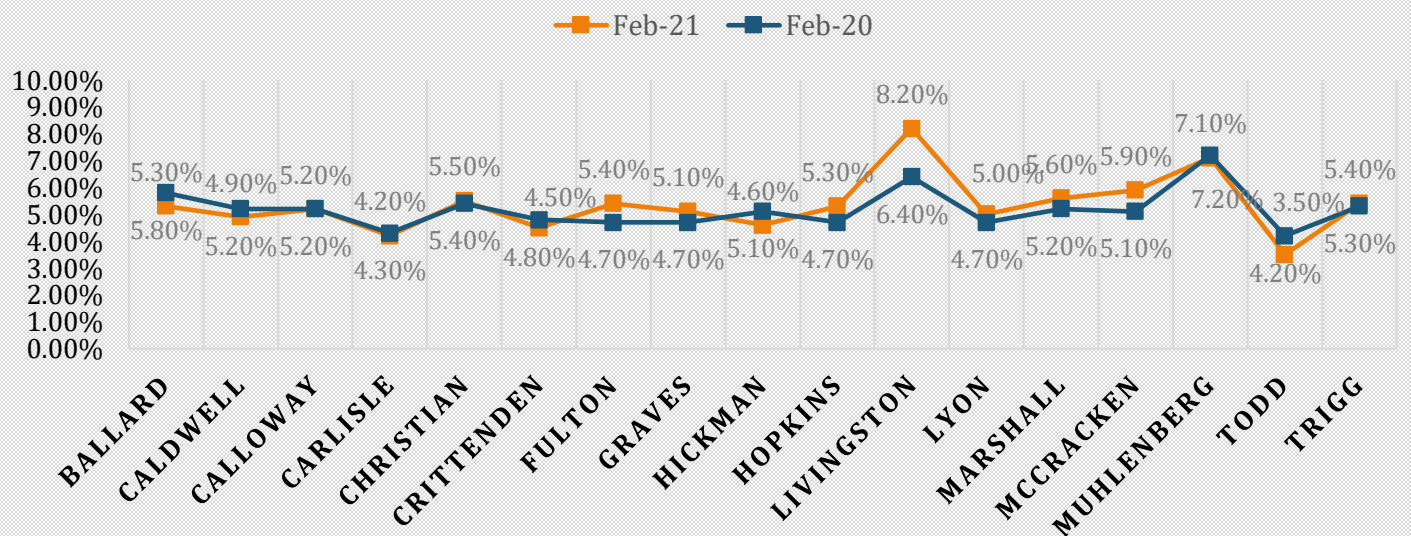
Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

West Kentucky Unemployment Rates

February 2020 – February 2021

COUNTY	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21
Local Area	5.2	6.6	15.5	10.2	4.8	5.2	7.7	5.4	7.1	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.5
BALLARD	5.8	6.6	14.7	9.2	4.5	5.0	7.2	5.2	7.1	5.5	6.1	5.4	5.3
CALDWELL	5.2	6.7	14.6	8.6	4.5	5.0	7.3	5.3	6.7	5.0	5.8	5.0	4.9
CALLOWAY	5.2	5.9	12.7	7.8	4.4	4.7	6.8	4.8	6.5	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.2
CARLISLE	4.3	4.9	8.7	5.5	3.0	3.6	4.9	3.8	4.9	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.2
CHRISTIAN	5.4	6.5	17.9	12.0	5.7	5.9	8.5	6.0	7.4	5.5	6.1	5.5	5.5
CRITTENDEN	4.8	5.6	11.8	7.3	3.7	4.1	5.9	4.2	5.8	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.5
FULTON	4.7	6.1	11.2	8.0	5.2	5.4	8.3	6.4	7.1	4.7	5.6	5.0	5.4
GRAVES	4.7	5.5	12.9	8.0	4.4	4.7	6.9	4.9	6.7	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.1
HICKMAN	5.1	5.9	10.5	6.4	3.7	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.3	3.9	4.9	4.7	4.6
HOPKINS	4.7	6.4	20.3	13.3	6.0	5.7	8.4	5.7	7.7	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.3
LIVINGSTON	6.4	7.1	15.4	11.0	5.3	5.6	8.1	6.2	8.2	6.3	7.8	7.6	8.2
LYON	4.7	5.8	11.3	6.7	3.6	4.0	6.3	4.9	6.3	4.8	5.6	5.2	5.0
MARSHALL	5.2	5.7	13.9	8.6	4.2	4.4	6.4	4.6	6.4	5.0	5.9	5.5	5.6
MCCRACKEN	5.1	5.8	16.9	10.9	5.4	5.6	8.2	5.8	7.9	6.0	6.9	6.1	5.9
MUHENBERG	7.2	8.0	16.1	11.6	6.2	6.9	10.3	7.2	9.4	7.1	7.7	7.3	7.1
TODD	4.2	4.8	11.7	7.1	3.3	3.7	5.4	3.8	4.6	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.5
TRIGG	5.3	6.2	17.1	10.0	4.7	5.0	7.1	5.6	6.7	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.4

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS



Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

WEST REGION		
PROJECT TIMELINE FOR REGIONAL PLAN		
ACTIVITY	DATE	NOTES
Staff Discussions	03/24/2021	Joint Discussions/Planning
Staff Discussions	03/25/2021	Joint Discussions/Planning
Staff Discussions	04/01/2021	Joint Discussions/Planning
Staff Discussions	04/06/2021	Joint Discussions/Planning
Full WKY Planning Session	04/08/2021	Joint planning with Board and Workforce Partners. Via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. CDT
Staff Discussions to finalize draft		Review for updates
Regional Plan Draft Release	No later than April 30, 2021	

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the creation of a five-year comprehensive regional and local workforce development strategic plan. To meet the US Department of Labor requirements, the West Kentucky Workforce Board and our regional partners in Green River will collaborate with economic development and system partners to review regional data. This planning process will be ongoing, with final draft plans available for public review and 30-day comment period on or about April 30, 2021.

Workforce Overview Report for Kentucky Regions

Industry	Employment by Industry			Annual Wages by Industry		
	Kentucky	Green River	West Kentucky	Kentucky	Green River	West Kentucky
All Industries	1,639,754	75,103	135,287	\$48,567	\$43,911	\$43,159
Accommodation and Food Services	120,042	5,132	11,588	\$17,900	\$15,758	\$15,060
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	95,261	3,756	5,600	\$34,320	\$28,786	\$35,128
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8,514	854	1,256	\$41,427	\$38,775	\$37,582
All Government	282,782	11,295	27,294	\$48,671	\$40,651	\$43,436
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13,258	419	732	\$26,304	\$16,099	\$16,941
Construction	74,100	3,427	7,020	\$56,538	\$50,821	\$54,131
Educational Services	10,318	399	500	\$36,085	\$31,685	\$46,407
Finance and Insurance	69,269	3,677	3,713	\$80,196	\$58,729	\$55,276
Health Care and Social Assistance	229,821	12,403	18,304	\$50,718	\$46,803	\$50,344
Information	18,179	392	1,195	\$62,084	\$42,492	\$55,504
Management of Companies and Enterprises	17,945	145	385	\$108,059	\$73,190	\$74,788
Manufacturing	210,409	15,132	17,959	\$61,331	\$59,373	\$54,730
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	4,460	138	493	\$64,866	\$66,968	\$73,233
Other Services (except Public Administration)	35,450	1,712	2,993	\$36,064	\$35,016	\$37,329
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,757	1,648	5,065	\$67,510	\$49,750	\$62,920
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	17,874	604	1,064	\$45,832	\$34,255	\$35,263
Retail Trade	187,759	8,806	18,388	\$29,750	\$27,831	\$27,764
Transportation and Warehousing	99,972	2,288	6,865	\$56,415	\$61,896	\$57,134
Utilities	3,755	162	78	\$94,859	\$83,894	\$93,978
Wholesale Trade	67,639	2,711	4,777	\$66,394	\$60,053	\$52,391

- Government, Healthcare/Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade are largest regional industries, based on 2020 data.
- Increase demand in Accommodation and Food Services, due to COVID- 19 pandemic.
- Government jobs strongest in West Kentucky LDB area.
- Strong decline in Mining industry across West Kentucky region.
- Manufacturing wages are highest across the board.

SECTORS IDENTIFIED IN REGIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS

<i>Sector</i>	<i>West Kentucky</i>	<i>Green River</i>
Advanced Manufacturing	✓	✓
Agriculture and Food	✓	
Cultural Industries	✓	
Construction		✓
Healthcare	✓	✓
Business and Information Technology		✓
Transportation and Logistics	✓	✓

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HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

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- **Opportunities and Job Announcements**

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

American Jobs Plan Proposal Includes Provisions for Rural America

On March 31, the Biden Administration unveiled a more than \$2 trillion infrastructure proposal called the [*American Jobs Plan*](#), which aims to tackle issues including transportation, infrastructure, green energy, healthcare, and childcare, among other priorities. This is the first

proposal released as part of a two-pronged infrastructure package; a second proposal is expected to be revealed sometime in April.

The Biden Administration also published a [White House Fact Sheet](#) detailing provisions in the infrastructure plan that are intended to serve rural America specifically. The fact sheet highlights:

- A proposed investment of \$14 billion split among three agencies: the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for investments in rural America's physical, social, and civic infrastructure
- A proposed investment of \$5 billion in a "Rural Partnership Program" focused on rural regions and inclusive community and economic development
- \$100 billion to expand broadband infrastructure across the nation, including funding to provide coverage in rural America
- More than \$10 billion in grants and loans for small and rural water systems
- A proposed \$10 billion Community Revitalization Fund to support innovative, community-led redevelopment projects in rural and urban areas that spark new economic activity
- \$20 billion over five years to repair smaller, off-system, and rural bridges
- And many other provisions

More information on the infrastructure plan and its proposed funding levels can be found [here](#).

President's FY 2022 Budget Request Released Today

Today, President Biden released his [FY 2022 Presidential Budget Request](#). The overall price tag of the President's proposed budget for FY 2022 is more than \$1.5 trillion. The release of the President's budget proposal today serves as the foundation for the negotiation process between the President and Congress to determine the distribution of funds across the government for FY 2022. The President's proposed budget recommends \$384 for the U.S. Economic Development Administration, which would be a \$38 million increase over EDA's FY 2021 appropriation if enacted.

NADO Member Action Alert: Please Email Your Senators and Representatives Regarding EDA Funding for FY 2022

NADO members are asked to please consider reaching out to their Senators and Representatives to ask them to sign on to a "Dear Colleague" letter requesting full funding for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for FY 2022 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Sample email language is provided [here](#) for NADO members to use when reaching out to their Senate and House offices.

With questions, please reach out to Mirielle Burgoyne at mburgoyne@nado.org. NADO is glad to provide suggested staff contacts in your Senators' and Representatives' offices if needed. To request a DC Hill staffer contact list, email Jamie McCormick at jmccormick@nado.org with a list of Senators/Representatives whose offices you would like staff email addresses for. If you are willing, please CC or forward your outreach emails to Mirielle Burgoyne at mburgoyne@nado.org so that we can follow up on your requests if necessary.

NADO NEWS AND NOTES

Upcoming Webinar to Highlight Strategies to Support Small Local Businesses and Entrepreneurs

Join the NADO Research Foundation on **April 27 from 2-3 p.m. ET** as part of our [CEDS, Recovery, and Resilience Webinar Series](#) for a conversation with [Local First Arizona's](#) CEO Kimber Lanning and Director of Rural Programs Liza Noland. Founded in 2009, Local First Arizona is a nonprofit organization committed to community and economic development throughout the state. Its work connects people, locally-owned businesses, and communities for meaningful actions that build a diverse, inclusive and prosperous Arizona economy. During this webinar, you will hear more about Local First Arizona's mission and programs as well as best practices and strategies that your own community and region can adopt to support small business development, entrepreneurship, rural economic development, tourism initiatives, equity and inclusion, and much more. Click [here](#) to register. Contact Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@nado.org with any questions.

U.S. Economic Development Administration Launches 2021 University Center Competition for Chicago and Philadelphia Regions

The [U.S. Economic Development Administration \(EDA\)](#) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications under its FY 2021 University Center Economic Development Program competition. Open to accredited institutions of higher education or a consortium of accredited institutions of higher education in EDA's Chicago and Philadelphia regions, EDA University Centers provide technical assistance to build regional economic ecosystems that support innovation and high-growth entrepreneurship, resiliency, and inclusiveness. The FY 2021 EDA University Center Economic Development Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the competition was published on April 5. Click [here for Philadelphia Region NOFO](#) and [here for Chicago Region NOFO](#). The deadline to apply is **June 4, 2021**.

RuralRISE Hosting Virtual Broadband Summit on April 15

[RuralRISE](#) will be hosting a virtual [Rural Broadband Summit](#) on **April 15**. Sessions will include: An Overview of the Rural Digital Divide; Successful State Programs and Innovative Partnerships; Role of Cooperatives in Rural Deployment; Anchor Institutions (Schools, Hospitals and Libraries role in Rural Broadband); Regional Digital Inclusion Planning; Community leaders working in rural communities sharing their success in advancing digital equity – via tech literacy, device access, and affordable internet options; Helping rural communities plan new fiber networks; and much more. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

NADO Research Foundation and NCNMEDD Partner on Mobility, Economic Resilience, and Substance Use Disorder Workshops

Stakeholders from New Mexico are invited to participate in the Mobility, Economic Resilience, and Substance Use Disorder [Workshop Series](#). Please join attendees from North Central New Mexico to discuss mobility resources and opportunities to support recovery, work, and regional resilience. Both workshops will include a mix of presentations, discussion, and smaller group conversations.

- **April 20, 1–3 p.m. MT: Substance Use Disorder and Rural Transportation Opportunities**

Learn about federal resources available in rural areas, existing transportation services, and innovative transportation ideas from other regions. The New Mexico Department of Health will present on recent treatment gap analysis and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will discuss FTA resources and funding opportunities. Register here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAKdOyvqjkoGdHiMetIjp2_fAfmluZ8S7NY

- **May 6, 1–3 p.m. MT: Supporting Recovery and Economic Resilience**

Recovery for individuals with substance use disorders is possible with supports in place. Hear about treatment resources from the New Mexico Behavioral Health Referral Network, learn about recovery programs that include skills training and housing options, and discuss how community organizations are coordinating to identify solutions and opportunities. Register here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqcO2urDsjEtcIFcjp9T81_5aB5MQDOYTy

Who should attend? Employers, community members, and professionals working in transportation, community and economic development, health, substance use treatment and recovery, workforce development, the justice system, and more are joining these multidisciplinary conversations about resources and opportunities in North Central New Mexico.

This series is hosted by the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) and the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation, together with the Western Transportation Institute and National Rural Transit Assistance Program. Funding support has been provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Contact NADO Senior Program Manager Rachel Beyerle at rbeyerle@nado.org with questions and visit <http://ruraltransportation.org/nm-workshops/> for agendas, registration, and resources.

Recording Available: Rural and Small Metro Intelligent Transportation Systems Webinar

NADO Research Foundation staff along with representatives from [Mo-Kan Regional Council](#) in St. Joseph, Missouri and South East Area Transit ([SEAT](#)) in Zanesville, Ohio, presented during a December 2020 webinar hosted by the U.S. Department of Transportation Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Joint Program Office. The webinar features the NADO Research Foundation's [report](#) on Rural and Small Metropolitan ITS Case Studies. The webinar recording, slides, and a transcript are now available at the ITS Joint Program Office [website](#). Click “view webinar” to access the materials.

Funding Opportunity: U.S. DOT Port Infrastructure Development Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration Port Infrastructure Development Program has released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). U.S. DOT intends to award up to \$230 million in grants on a competitive basis to improve facilities within, or outside of and directly related to operations of or an intermodal connection to, coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports. Eligible recipients include port authorities, commissions, state and local

governments, tribal governments, public agencies or publicly chartered authorities, special purpose districts, multistate or multijurisdictional groups. The application deadline is **July 30, 2021**.

Upcoming Webinar on Statewide Action Plans for Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety

On **Tuesday April 12 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET**, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration in partnership with VHB and the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, will host a webinar, *Statewide Action Plans for Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety*. Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plans are valuable tools that can help transportation agencies establish a framework and approach for reducing deaths and injuries among vulnerable road users. The Federal Highway Administration developed [How to Develop a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan](#) to help guide agencies through the steps required to develop their own action plans for improving safety. During this webinar, authors of this guide will review the elements of successful Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plans and describe how Departments of Transportation (DOTs) at the state level can develop their own plans. Panelists from Virginia and Oregon will describe their approaches to crafting and implementing their plans and offer lessons for the audience. Register for the webinar [here](#).

ChangeLab Solutions Accepting Applications for Housing Solutions Collaborative

ChangeLab Solutions is accepting applications for the [Housing Solutions Collaborative](#). Cross-sector community teams from up to eight small and mid-sized cities in select states will convene for peer learning, engage in collective problem solving, network, and receive tailored technical assistance to identify housing solutions for their communities. The project period is May 2021 to October 2022. Application deadline is **April 16, 2021**.

Webinar on Funding Active Transportation Projects

The Safe Routes Partnership is offering a free [webinar](#) “Where’s the Money? Funding Your Active Transportation Project” on **April 22 at 1 p.m. ET**. Join the webinar to learn about frequently used sources of funding for active transportation projects (cycling, rolling, walking) in the US, how to find out what funding is available, and tips for navigating the funding process. Speakers from Oklahoma and South Carolina who will share how they were able to successfully fund and implement active transportation infrastructure projects in their communities.

OPPORTUNITIES AND JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Texoma Council of Governments Seeks Director of Aging Services

Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) is currently accepting applications for a Department Director in its Aging Services Department. TCOG is a voluntary association of local governments in Texas’s Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties that works directly with citizens and local jurisdictions to improve and advance economic vitality and quality of life in Texoma. TCOG’s Aging Services Department is the focal point for a comprehensive system of services for older individuals in the Texoma Region. These programs include: Caregiver/Care Coordination, Benefits Counseling, Senior Corps, Data Management, and Information and Referral. The Aging Services Department Director exercises discretion and independent

judgment in directing operations of the Aging Services Department and is responsible for providing leadership and management in planning, organizing, and directing the operations of the Department. For more information on this position click [here](#).

Centralina Regional Council in North Carolina Seeks Assistant Director of Community Economic Development

Centralina Regional Council is seeking an experienced economic development practitioner to serve as the Assistant Director of Community Economic Development. Centralina's Community Economic Development Department is a division within Centralina Regional Council and serves a dual role in supporting the organization's mission of expanding opportunity and improving quality of life. The Department serves local governments in the region by providing technical assistance, staff and expertise to improve housing, public infrastructure and downtown revitalization. It also provides economic development policy planning and grant administration services under the arm of the Centralina Economic Development District, a public-private entity created to empower local communities by preparing and implementing U.S. Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration (EDA) strategic plans and grant applications.

The successful candidate will bring expertise in regional economic development planning, experience in federal grant administration, and a track record of successfully partnering with public and private sector stakeholders. The Assistant Director will lead key regional planning and local technical assistance projects as well as contribute to department strategy execution and participate on Centralina's management team. For more information, please view the full job description here: <https://www.nado.org/job/assistant-director-of-community-economic-development/>

New Growth Innovation Network Seeks Three Roles to Implement EDA Award

[New Growth Innovation Network](#) (NGIN) is a national network of economic development practitioners focused on inclusive economic growth and closing structural opportunity gaps, to ensure that people of color, women and neglected geographies are a core part of regional economic growth and prosperity. NGIN recently received an [award](#) from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for "Inclusive Development in EDD's COVID-19 Recovery." In response to the economic injury of COVID-19, NGIN will build a National Community of Practice and work with six Economic Development Districts (EDDs) to implement inclusive economic growth strategies for a durable economic recovery. NGIN is hiring three roles to deliver on the EDA Award: Senior Advisor for Inclusive Economic Growth, Advisor for Inclusive Economic Growth & Associate for Inclusive Economic Growth. For more information on any of these positions, visit NADO's job board <https://www.nado.org/jobs/> and click on the position of interest.

North Central New Mexico Economic Development District Seeks Community Development Director

The North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) is currently seeking a Community Development Director. NCNMEDD is the regional Council of

Governments for local governments in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Taos, Colfax, Mora, San Miguel, Los Alamos, and Sandoval counties. The Community Development Director will be responsible for the overall implementation of community and economic development responsibilities for NCNMEDD's region, including direct assistance to its member governments. The individual will oversee the development and implementation of the Regional Transportation Work Program for the Northern Pueblos Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO) and the Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO). This individual will also formulate, plan, organize, monitor, execute and evaluate projects and programs throughout the region with measurable outcomes. This is a full-time exempt position located in the Santa Fe office. For more information on this position click [here](#).

The Capital Area Council of Governments Seeks Regional Research Coordinator

The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is seeking a Regional Research Coordinator. CAPCOG is a regional government serving ten Central Texas counties including the Austin community and undertakes planning and technical assistance to guide community and economic development activities at the regional and local levels. The Regional Research Coordinator's essential duties include collecting, compiling, and analyzing demographics and economic data to support planning and policy recommendations with a focus on regional competitiveness; supporting planning and policy work on regional growth and community development projects; and providing support for work with local communities and regional stakeholder organizations related to data compilation and analyses. Candidates should have experience using a variety of economic and demographic data sources to compile analyses, presentations, and reports related to economic competitiveness factors influenced by workforce, transportation, housing, land use and business development trends. Work will include economic recovery and resiliency initiatives funded by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and managing a regional dashboard. Visit <https://www.capcog.org/divisions/administrative-services#employment-opportunities> for a complete job description, CAPCOG application and submission information.

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Gov. Beshear Announces Projects to Receive Recreation Funding

The Department of Local Government (DLG) awarded funding for a Recreational Trails Project (RTP) in the Pennyryle area this month.

City of Madisonville - \$20,000 for improvements to Cherry Park for a paved walking trail and restroom facility.

RTP is a competitive, federal program which provides assistance for easement acquisitions, trailhead facility upgrades, and recreational trail development and maintenance.



On March 29, Governor Andy Beshear announced the selection of 41 projects totaling more than \$4.3 million to receive funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF is a federal program designed to help local communities improve outdoor recreation spaces. The following Pennyryle communities received funding:

City of Drakesboro - \$125,096 for playground equipment at the city park

City of Eddyville - \$50,140 to renovate tennis courts at the city park

City of Hopkinsville - \$75,000 to construct group shelters and a playground at Pardue Lane Park

City of Kuttawa - \$125,100 to expand and upgrade Glenn Park

City of Nortonville - \$125,100 to renovate and upgrade the city park

Christian County - \$25,000 to assist with a covered pavilion at Jeffers Bend Environmental Area

Livingston County - \$150,000 to upgrade Ledbetter Community Park

Todd County - \$250,000 for property acquisition to construct a soccer field complex

Trigg County - \$125,245 for a restroom facility at the Trigg County Recreation Complex

Congratulations to the Pennyryle communities that received funding!

Grant Funding Opportunities

The application period for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Program **is due by May 31, 2021**. Contact Angie Crawford or Jared Nelson at the PADD office at (270) 886-9484 for application information.

Pennyryle Communities Receive 911 Services Board Funding

Three Pennyryle area communities will benefit from grant awards announced by the Kentucky 911 Services Board. The Pennyryle Emergency Assistance Center in Caldwell County and the Livingston County Fiscal Court are each scheduled to receive \$26,748 in grant funds to undertake GIS mapping updates required for compliance with Next Generation 911 mandates. Muhlenberg County 911 is set to receive \$150,289 for a 911 radio console upgrade. Approximately \$2.06M in grant funds were awarded statewide. The 911 Services Board provides funding to establish and improve E911 infrastructure and service delivery across the Commonwealth. A full list of 2021 grant recipients can be found on the 911 Services Board's website at www.911board.ky.gov. Congratulations to all of this year's grant recipients!

Pennyrile ADD Board of Directors

Pennyrile Area Development District held their monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021. Federal, state and staff reports were provided. Guest speaker, Ms. Nancy Brown, PMP, State Director, KY Procurement Technical Assistance Center (KYTPAC), provided an overview of the organization's mission, state-wide services, and federal funding/match. Judge Jack Whitfield, West KY Coalition Board Chairman,

provided an update on the organization's growth. Mr. John Mahre, PeADD Regional Transportation Committee Chair, discussed supporting HB561. Mr. Jason Vincent, PeADD Executive Director, gave an update on legislative activity and announced this year's Annual Dinner will be moved to September 13, 2021 in hopes of holding an in-person celebration event.

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Transcraft
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WIOA Five-Year Strategic Plan

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the creation of a five year comprehensive regional and local workforce development strategic plan. To meet the U.S. Department of Labor requirements, the West Kentucky Workforce Board and our regional partners in Green River will collaborate with economic development and system partners to review regional data. This planning process will be ongoing, with final draft plans available for public review and a 30 day comment period on or about April 30, 2021. Please contact Molly Deahl at molly.deahl@ky.gov for more information.



The West Kentucky Workforce Board (WKWB) released two Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 11, 2021 for One-Stop Operator and WIOA Direct Services Provider for the funding period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025. A Bidder's Conference was held on March 26 for both categories. The deadline for responses is April 26, 2021 at 1 p.m. CDT. For more information, please visit the WKWB website at <https://wkworkforce.work>.

Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living

Medicare Beneficiaries

Are you currently receiving Medicare and paying for your Part B monthly premium? If so, there is a program that may be able to assist you with that premium cost. If your income is under \$1,456/single or \$1,960/married and your resources/assets are under \$7,860/single or \$11,800/married then you may qualify to receive assistance through the state with a program called the Medicare Savings Program. This program may help pay for your Part B premiums and *potentially* assist in also paying for Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income level. To see if you are eligible and apply for this program, contact Ali Jones with the Pennyryle Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.



On March 10, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued revised visitation guidance for nursing homes. The guidance eases some of the restrictions on general indoor visitation while maintaining much of the guidance from September 17, 2020. To see the complete revised CMS document visit: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

Highlights include:

- Facilities should allow indoor visitation at all times and for all residents except in certain specific circumstances.
- There are now fewer circumstances under which indoor visitation can be completely suspended.
- Fully vaccinated residents can have close contact, including touch, with visitors as long as they wear a mask and practice hand hygiene.
- Visitors should not be required to be tested or vaccinated as a condition of visitation.

- CMS continues to emphasize that facilities shall not restrict visitation without a reasonable clinical or safety cause and that nursing homes must facilitate in-person visitation consistent with the federal nursing home regulations.
- Visitation must be person-centered and “consider the resident’s physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and support their quality of life.”
- Before your first indoor visit it is still recommended to call the facility first and inquire about their specific policy for indoor visitation.

If you need information or assistance, contact your local District Ombudsman, Cindy Tabor, at 270-886-9484 or cindy.tabor@ky.gov

Senior Center Update

**285,594
MEALS**

After one year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the nine senior centers in the Pennyryle region continue to be closed in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Curbside meal pick-up at all nine senior centers continues to be an alternative option to congregate meals (lunch meals served at senior centers).

State and federally funded home delivered meals continue to be provided in all nine counties and an additional 1,220 individuals have received home delivered meals based on increased federal funding related to COVID-19. From March 16, 2020 to March 26, 2021, a total of 2,168 clients in the Pennyryle region were provided with 285,594 meals. This is a dramatic increase from prior years which averaged 150,051 meals.

Additional services such as homemaking and personal care continue to be provided, following CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, with federal and state funding to individuals in the Pennyryle region. Currently, there is a waiting list for in-home services. Individuals needing meals or in-home assistance can contact the Pennyryle Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396 for more information, eligibility screening, and referral to potential services/programs.

Employee Recognition



Juliet R. Allen, Workforce Programs Coordinator, began working at PADD on April 2, 2001 and is celebrating 20 years of service. Julie is responsible for the maintenance of the policies, Kentucky Career Center Partners documents, Youth Contractors, and Rapid Response Programs for the West Kentucky Workforce Board. Julie is consulted as a

statewide SME on Rapid Response and Dislocated Workers. Julie is a graduate of Mississippi University for Women with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. She also earned a degree in Culinary Arts from PICA. Prior to working at PADD, Julie was the Assistant Pastry Chef for Amelia Island Plantation for almost seven years. Julie and her late husband planted churches for six years, including one in Oak Grove for military families, Living Waters. The family found a church home at St. John UMC prior to his death. Julie enjoys reading, research, data mining, and writing grants. Julie, her daughter Lauren, and Mother Janet reside in Hopkinsville. The family is active in research

and fundraising activities for Rheumatoid Arthritis, Autism/Asperger's, and as a Champion for Alzheimer's Association which keep their family busy.



Angela Gore, AAAIL Administrative Assistant is celebrating 20 years of service with PADD. She started with PADD as the receptionist on April 16, 2001. Angela is responsible for maintaining the mailing directory for numerous councils. She also attends and takes minutes for all program committee meetings. Angela

prepares correspondence and is responsible for the daily maintenance of the Home Care and Title III Client charts. Prior to joining PADD, Angela worked as a medical transcriptionist. Angela is married and has two sons, Drew and Jordan. She and her husband, Ben, enjoy watching UK basketball, traveling and spending time with their two grandsons, John Dawson and Foster.

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