

**PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021 - 1:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - *January 11, 2021*
- IV. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT** – Ms. Crissy Carter, PADD Treasurer
 - *Financial Report*
- V. **FEDERAL AND STATE REPORTS**
- VI. **REPORTS**
 1. Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living - Ms. Jill Collins, Director, Pennyriile AAAIL
 - *PACS Transportation Unit Rate Increase Proposal*
 - *Pennyriile AAAIL Meals Update 2-2021*
 - *Aging Waiting List*
 2. Community & Economic Development - Ms. Amy Frogue, Associate Director, CED
 - *De-Federalization of Revolving Loan Fund Resolution*
 - *CDBG – CV Utility Guidelines*
 - *IGR Report*
 3. Workforce Activity Report - Ms. Julie Allen, Workforce Programs Coordinator
 - *Work Ready Communities Deadlines & Meeting Schedule*
 - *Work Ready Communities Criteria*
 - *Labor Market Snapshot*
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Monthly Code of Ethics Report - Judge Perry Newcom, PADD Board Chair
 2. Guest Speakers
 - *KACo Legislative Priorities 2021* - Ms. Shellie Hampton, Legislative Director
Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo)
 - *KLC Legislative Agenda 2021* - Mr. J.D. Chaney, Executive Director/CEO
Kentucky League of Cities (KLC)
 3. Director's Report - Mr. Jason Vincent, Executive Director
 - *KCADD Agenda 2.11.21*
 - *NADO News*
 - *PADD Newsletter*
- VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- IX. **ADJOURN**

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

JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Ahart, Judge Hollis Alexander, Crissy Carter, Mayor John Choat, Mayor Kevin Cotton, Judge Larry Curling, Mayor Gary Damron, Deb Domke, Bart Frazer, Mayor Arthur Green, Lori Harper, JoAnn Holder, Judge Todd Mansfield, Scott Marshall, Judge Perry Newcom, Mayor Chris Phelps, Roger Simpson, Mayor Chris Smiley, Judge Steve Tribble, Judge Wade White, Judge Jack Whitfield, Mayor Jan Yonts, and Mayor Kota Young.

GUESTS: Ms. Jaime Peterson, Calhoun & Company, PLLC

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 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:** Mayor John Choat led the pledge and Mayor Arthur Green led the invocation.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Board Meeting were presented for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes as presented. Mr. Scott Marshall seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Crissy Carter, Board Treasurer, presented the December 31, 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Overall, all line items are within budget at \$1,673,511.88 (40.50% vs 50%) year-to-date. Total travel continues to be low due to COVID19 travel restrictions at 1.28% of budget; we will continue to monitor travel and revisions to this line item is included in the budget amendments to be presented. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Roger Simpson seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- V. FEDERAL AND STATE REPORTS:**
 1. U.S. Senator Rand Paul/Jason Hasert – Mr. Jason Hasert, Field Representative, stated Senator Paul was saddened by the recent events that took place at the U.S. Capitol. Senator Paul believes in following the constitution regarding the election process and selection; he is interested in reviewing the past election and will make announcements soon and encourages State legislators to follow laws and add reform where needed. Senator Paul is looking forward to the new KY Legislative Session and working with counties in western Kentucky. We need to make sure we are reducing the amount of waste the government is spending and focus on tax money to support infrastructure projects like Fort Campbell and I69 Bridge in Evansville. If they can assist with grants or letters of support, please contact their office. There were no questions or concerns.

2. U.S. Congressman James Comer/Amelia Wilson – Ms. Amelia Wilson, Field Representative, reported Congressman Comer was recently sworn in to serve his third term in Congress and appreciates all of the well wishes following recent events at the U.S. Capitol. Congressman Comer’s office continues to offer help navigating issues with the Federal government related to COVID-19, case work and unemployment issues. Should you need assistance with Federal grants or letters of support, please contact their office. There were no questions or concerns.
3. KYTC/Deneatra Henderson – Ms. Deneatra Henderson, KYTC Chief Engineer, District 2, stated she has no news to report, but is available if anyone has questions. There were no questions or concerns.
4. Department for Local Government/Elton Thomas – Mr. Elton Thomas, DLG Representative, stated he is available if anyone has questions regarding CARES funding. Highlights from Governor Beshear’s budget address is available; if anyone would like a copy, please contact him. There were no questions or concerns.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living –
 - Ms. Amanda Stokes, Aging Planner/In-Home Services Coordinator provided the following report:
 - n4a Transition Memos – provided in the online board packet is a copy of the letter from n4a regarding two memos sent to President-Elect Biden’s transition team regarding involving and embracing the Aging Network as an essential partner in the response to the ongoing health and economic crisis caused by the pandemic, as well as, critical aging issues that need to be prioritized. A copy of the letter was provided in the online board meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
 - Pennyrile AAAIL Meal Update –Ms. Stokes reported as of 12/18/2020, a total of 215,605 hot meals were served to clients ages 60 plus, which is an average of 1,200 meals per day. Since last Friday, that number has exceeded 227,000 and continues to grow as we add and serve new clients. A breakdown of services was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Vincent commended Aging and PACs for the great job they have done to provide this service. The total number of meals provided has actually exceeded the last census population of 219,000.
 - Aging Waiting List – a copy of the Aging Waiting List as of January 4, 2021 was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. We are currently serving at total of 935 clients. Twenty-one (21) clients have been placed services on hold, per their request, as they are considered at high risk and vulnerable to COVID. Case Managers will continue to reach out and check on them during the interim.
 - Forgotten Angels 2020 – this year was the 14th year of the Forgotten Angels program. Even though it looked differently this year, we were able to serve all 425 residents in Personal Care homes in our region due to the generous monetary donations and items donated. Thank you to everyone who made this year’s event a success. An informational flier was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns.
 - Mr. Payton Kidd, Participated Director Services Coordinator, provided an update on the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) pilot program. Mr. Kidd stated the EVV program was scheduled to go live on January 1, 2021. The Area Development Districts came together and submitted a list of issues and concerns to the director of

the Department of Medicaid Services (DMS). A meeting was held in December with the Director of DMS where these issues and concerns were discussed. On December 22, the Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) issued a notification delaying mandatory use of EVV due to the public health emergency, to ensure the system is operating at maximum performance, and to allow adequate time to ensure a smooth transition for all EVV affected providers. Therefore, no more clients will be added to the program, but we will continue to allow the selected individuals chosen for the program to operate under the EVV system with backup supporting documentation. DMS will give no less than a sixty-day (60) notice when the new mandatory date for using the EVV system is determined. We will keep you updated as to any changes.

Mr. Vincent stated we have spent a lot of time working on this program and it is a program the State asked the ADDS to build several years ago. Unfortunately, the State, through a waiver rewrite process, feels the need to add more case managers to the program. At this time, the ADDs are the only providers and this could potentially impact our revenues in the future. We are having conversations with the Department of Health & Family Services regarding our concerns and will be meeting with the Secretary of CHFS to continue these discussions. We wanted to make you aware of our concerns and we will keep you updated as this moves forward. There were no questions or concerns.

2. Community & Economic Development –

- Ms. Amy Frogue, Associate Director – CED, stated the IGR Report was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Ms. Frogue stated three projects have been distributed for review. Through the COVID-19 Business Loan Program, a total of twelve loans have been processed. The majority of loans have been in Christian (6) and Hopkins (4) counties with one (1) in Todd county, and one (1) in Trigg county. A balance of \$392,000 is still available to assist businesses. Thanks to Chris Sutton, Disaster Resiliency Coordinator, for a great job in getting the information out there and making contacts in our region. There were no questions or concerns.
- Ms. Angie Crawford, Project Coordinator, gave a slide presentation overview of funding opportunities. A copy was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Ms. Crawford reviewed details of loan requirements for the Recreational Trails Program, Land & Water Conservation Fund, Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Collection, and FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. For more information or assistance, please contact Amy Frogue, Jared Nelson or Angie Crawford at 270-886-9484. There were no questions or concerns.

3. West Kentucky Workforce – Ms. Sheila Clark, WKWB Director, reported the Labor Market Snapshot was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. As of today, Kentucky has not implemented the \$300 per week compensation or required individuals to document their job search in order to retain their unemployment benefits. Also included in the online board meeting packet was an Emergency Recovery Grant flier. Workforce Business Liaisons have been contacting and working with employers and health departments to place dislocated workers in humanitarian effort positions or high demand jobs. Training to help them prepare for their next job or on-the-job training for dislocated workers is provided. Ms. Clark stated a number of prefiled bills pertaining to unemployment offices have been filed. A copy of the prefiled bills was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Ms. Clark stated these are placeholder bills that will be replaced with substitute legislation; currently no money is attached to these bills to provide funding for staff or sites.

Staff will only be placed in these locations when the unemployment rate exceeds 5%. There were no questions or concerns.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY'20 Audit Report - Ms. Jaime Peterson with Calhoun & Company, PLLC presented an overview of the FY'20 Audit Report. Ms. Peterson stated a Letter of Communication, Executive Summary and a draft copy of the FY'20 Audit Report were provided in the online board meeting packet. Copies are attached to and made a part of these minutes. The Letter of Communication states there were no issues with management and staff made special accommodations to provide the information needed in a timely manner in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines. Ms. Peterson reviewed the Executive Summary, noting one correction on Page 3, Net Position Breakdown, CERS Liability for FY'20, which should be \$1,664,090 instead of \$1,525,714. Ms. Peterson stated the FY'20 Audit Report is in draft as they are waiting for the release letter from the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) which was delayed due to COVID-19; however, they do not anticipate any changes. Testing was performed on the Aging Cluster and IRP program. Ms. Peterson stated the auditors rely on the government for compliance supplements to instruct them on what testing to perform for each major program. With the release of the stimulus packages from the federal government, there was a delay in the addendum to the 2020 OMB compliance supplement which related to stimulus packages. The addendum was released in late December and the auditors have confirmed that all field testing has been completed. The APA in Frankfort has received the auditor's engagement binder and it is in review. They anticipate it will take approximately two weeks to receive approval to officially release the audit report. No findings, deficiencies, weaknesses or compliance issues were noted. A standalone discussion on COVID-19 was included regarding implantation of PADD's healthy at work plan, services provided to the community in compliance with COVID restrictions, and utilization of funds from stimulus packages. Management does not perceive any lasting adverse effects. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Arthur Green to approved the FY'20 Audit Report as presented. Ms. Lori Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Monthly Code of Ethics Report – Judge Newcom, Board Chair, stated no violations have been reported during the month. Informational; no action required.
3. FY'21 Budget Amendments – Ms. Crissy Carter, PADD Treasurer, reported the PADD Executive Committee met on January 7, 2021 to review the revised FY'21 Budget Amendments. A copy of the FY'21 Budget Amendments was provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Budget revenues were adjusted to reflect actual allocations received and additional funds received from the CARES Act and COVID-19. Total Budget reflects an increase of \$1,340,779, an increase in Total Service Budget of \$1,287,878, an increase in Total Operating Budget of \$52,901, for a revised Total Budget of \$19,340,206. Under Operational Expenditures, changes in Personnel are due to recent retirements and terminations that have left a few positions unfilled and the personnel budget has been adjusted to reflect those vacant positions. Part-time salaries have increased slightly for additional staff hired for PDS and transitioning the IT manger position from full-time to part-time. The budget has been adjusted to include a 3% cost of living increase for permanent full-time staff. Travel has decreased (\$137,500) due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting travel and decreasing expenditures. Total Operating Expenses have been adjusted to reflect an increase of \$127,000 due to an increase memberships, depreciation, and expansion of technology and telecommunication needs to include key software upgrades, equipment upgrades, and collaboration tools/services (funds will come from reduction in travel expenditures). Overall Total Expenses are \$4,050,122, reflecting a decrease of (\$82,274). There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Jan Yonts to approve the FY'21 Budget Amendments as recommended by the PADD Executive

Committee and as presented. Judge Todd Mansfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Director's Report – Mr. Jason Vincent, PADD Executive Director, expressed appreciation to Ms. Jaime Peterson, Calhoun & Company, and the PADD finance staff for the incredible work they do. Mr. Vincent provided the following report:
- Executive Committee Minutes (draft) – minutes from the January 7, 2021 PADD Executive Committee meeting were provided in the online board meeting packet. Thanks to the committee members for taking the time to meet. Informational
 - Code of Ethics Policy & Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment Form – provided in the online board meeting packet was a copy of our Code of Ethics Policy. Each year PADD Board members are required to read the policy and complete the Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment form. Ms. Cheri Farmer will email both documents to you following today's meeting; please complete, sign and return the acknowledgment form to her by January 31. Thank you.
 - Board of Directors List – provided in the online board meeting packet is an updated list of the PADD Board of Directors.
 - 2021 Local Officials Directory – we are in the process of updating contact information in our Local Officials Directory, which we plan to have ready and posted on the PADD website by the end of January. Please notify us of any changes. Copies will then be printed and mailed to you.
 - Legislation – we are monitoring all bills passing through the General Assembly. Currently there are no bills that directly impact our operations or the ADD districts in general. We will notify you of any changes.
 - COVID-19 Vaccination Sites – Mr. Vincent stated he was contacted on January 8, 2021 by a member of the Kentucky Finance Cabinet to assist with locating a building within our region to serve as a regional vaccination site based on specific criteria. They will begin reviewing potential sites this week. Information was distributed to all county Judge Executives and EDCs in our region. Thanks to those who have already responded.
 - Employee Milestone Service Recognition – Mr. Vincent recognized PADD employee Amanda Stokes, Aging Planner/In-House Services Coordinator, who is celebrating 15 years of service with PADD this month. Amanda is a great asset to our organization and an article about her is included in the January issue of the PADD Press newsletter; a copy was provided in the online board meeting packet. Congratulations Amanda!

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: None

IX. ADJOURN: With no further business, **Motion** was made by Mr. Scott Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Mayor Kevin Cotton 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
January 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	135,739.24	992,099.58	50.73%
Total Benefits	1,160,195.00	89,690.93	601,748.81	51.87%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	3,116,008.00	225,430.17	1,593,848.39	51.15%
TRAVEL				
Staff Travel	82,500.00	1,218.87	4,157.34	5.04%
Board Travel	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRAVEL	92,500.00	1,218.87	4,157.34	4.49%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	841,614.00	34,138.34	336,293.53	39.96%
GRAND TOTALS	<u>4,050,122.00</u>	<u>260,787.38</u>	<u>1,934,299.26</u>	<u>47.76%</u>

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

PACS Transportation Unit Rate Increase Proposal for 2/1/2021

Current Unit Rate

\$7.63/Unit

Proposed Unit Rate

\$8.63/Unit

Due to increase cost of cleaning supplies and labor cost during the COVID-19 Pandemic, PACS is requesting to increase the Transportation Unit Cost rate through June 30, 2021, retroactively effective February 1, 2021. This increase of \$1/unit will result in a 13.1% increase in unit cost.

Pennyrile AAAIL Meals Update

	3/16/2020 - 1/22/2021	Total Clients Served	Current Clients
COVID19 Home Delivered Meals	105,445	1,070	699
Homecare & Title III Home Delivered Meals	77,568	438	321
Curbside Pick-Up Meals (Congregate Meals)	51,152	567	319
Shelf Stable Meals	3,913	546	1
TOTALS	238,078	2,017 unduplicated	1,339 unduplicated

Current Homecare & Title III clients on hold due to COVID19	20
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PENNYRILE AAAIL WAITING LIST

As of February 2, 2021

	Home Delivered Meals	Homemaking	Personal Care
Caldwell	39	42	12
Christian	218	115	36
Crittenden	34	14	9
Hopkins	127	54	8
Livingston	2	11	11
Lyon	33	26	11
Muhlenberg	20	27	2
Todd	10	7	4
Trigg	61	28	9
Totals	544	324	102

Resolution 2021-01

Pennyrile Area Development District Board of Directors

WHEREAS, EDA, pursuant to its authority under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. § 3121 *et seq*), awarded the Pennyrile Area Development District one or more grants to capitalize a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) bearing EDA award number 04-39-03905, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Reinvigorating Lending for the Future Act (the Act), EDA may, upon request, release its federal interest in certain Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) awards that have operated satisfactorily for seven years beyond disbursement of grant funds, and;

WHEREAS, the Act will reduce RLF recipient administrative burden and allow RLF award funds to be used for broader economic development purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Pennyrile Area Development District (PADD) has determined that more than seven years have passed since the final EDA disbursement to PADD of funds under award 04-39-03905.
2. PADD has complied with the Terms and Conditions of the award.
3. PADD proposes to use the funds for one or more activities to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA, including the continued operation of the RLF.
4. PADD Board of Directors formally requests the release of EDA's federal interest in the Revolving Loan Fund bearing EDA award number 04-39-03905.
5. PADD Board of Directors authorizes Jason Vincent, PADD Executive Director, to execute all documents relative to this request.

APPROVED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021 BY THE PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Perry Newcom, Chairman

Jan Yonts, Secretary

Attest:

CDBG-CV Public Service – Emergency Grant Payments (Utilities)

Policies and Procedures:

Grants must be implemented in compliance with the requirements found in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the CDBG program regulations found in 24 CFR 570, the CDBG Coronavirus Response Grants requirements found under the CARES Act, and other federal regulations, and state policies and procedures. While most are applicable until a project is funded and underway, some have to be considered when submitting an application for funding as they may impact cost, schedule, staffing, etc... The ones listed below are specific to eligible activities that can be funded under this grant.

Requirements for Using CDBG-CV funds for Emergency Grant Payments for Utility Costs:

1. Assistance is only available to persons who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 (such as loss of job) and who are in danger of having their utilities (water, sewer, electric, gas, other energy sources for heating and cooling) disconnected due to the inability to make payment.
2. Assistance can only be provided by a local non-profit community based public service provider to households that are located in the jurisdiction of the unit of local government (County or City) who is applying for CDBG-CV funding.
3. Utility payments are exclusively for those households who are in arrears in receipt of notice for disconnect (January 21, 2020 – present day) and/or up to two (2) consecutive months forward from the month of the date of application for utility assistance. Assistance may not exceed **six (6) consecutive** total months (ex: Household applies for assistance on November 1, assistance could be provided for utility fees in arrears for July, August, September, October and the future months of November and December for a total of six (6) months).
4. Each household must complete an income verification form at the time of their application for assistance from CDBG-CV using the CDBG-CV Income Verification Form with Section 8 Income Limits.
5. Each household must provide proof of residence and income:
 - a. Valid driver's license or ID with current residential address.
 - b. Copy of current utility provider statement at the date of application including residential address.
 - c. Proof of all household income earned over the last month or 4 weeks.
6. Each household must sign a copy of the CDBG-CV affidavit as to the information they have provided.
7. Payments must be made exclusively to the utility provider.
8. Each Unit of Local Government (City or County) may request up to \$200,000 CDBG-CV from DLG.
9. Each Unit of Local Government may request as part of their application up to 5% for administrative costs. Administrative costs must be shared by the local community based agency (ex: local community action agency) and the Kentucky CDBG certified administrator.
10. Each household may receive up to \$250 per month to be used for assistance with unpaid utility fees for water, sewer, electric, gas, and other heating and cooling source fees.
11. For electric, gas, and other heating and cooling utility sources, assistance from CDBG-CV may only be provided in the event program funding from Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), HEA, and/or other electric, gas, and heating and cooling programs are unavailable.
12. Each household must have a completed Duplication of Benefit Worksheet and supporting documentation on file with the respective local community based action agency.
13. Each Utility Provider must agree to either forgive or provide payment plan options for any outstanding unpaid utility bills for CDBG-CV assisted customers between January 21, 2020 and date of CDBG-CV application for assistance.

Exclusively for Grantee-Owned Utility Providers:

1. The costs incurred for providing services are allowable to the extent they are consistent with cost principles at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E. The costs typically incurred by a grantee-owned utility include depreciation, payments to external suppliers (e.g., of electricity or natural gas), operating and maintenance, etc. However, the grantee must ensure that the costs to be allocated to individuals/families do not include depreciation of assets whose cost was borne by the Federal Government (including assets acquired or improved with CDBG, RD, ARC, etc... funds).
2. The cost principles cited above also do not permit a grantee to earn a profit on charges to grant programs. Therefore, the grantee must ensure that the “per unit” cost of delivering the utility service to an individual/family is reasonable. If the grantee wishes to base its charge to the grant on the fee billed to the individual/family, it must ensure that the amount of the utility fee is reasonable. One test of the reasonableness of the utility fee billed to the individual/family is whether the operations of the utility are budgeted so as to realize an excess of revenue over expenses (i.e., a “profit”) for the budget period. If the utility’s operations are budgeted and accounted for in a separate enterprise fund, as is likely for most grantees, the grantee should evaluate the fund’s budget and/or financial statements to ascertain whether its operations will generate a profit. If a profit is not indicated, the billed fee may be used to support the reasonableness of the charge to the grant for emergency payment.
3. If the grantee-owned utility is operated so as to earn a profit, the grantee must calculate the per unit cost for residential customers based on the actual costs of providing the service and an allocation base that results in an equitable allocation to the grant.

If the grantee operates a grantee-owned utility that is not budgeted or accounted for in a separate fund (account), the grantee is strongly advised to discuss options with DLG.



Project Summary Report

KY202101110019

Title: Habitat For Humanity Pennyriple Region Homebuyer Development and Repair

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS:	Habitat for Humanity of the Pennyriple Region		Federal: \$400,000.00
Status: Approved			Applicant: \$1,000,000.00
Federal: KHC	Heath Duncan	Jared Nelson	State: \$360,000.00
CFDA: 14.239	(270) 825-1539	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Hopkins	hduncan@pennyriplehabitat.org	jared.nelson@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List): Christian, Hopkins, Webster			TOTAL: \$1,760,000.00

Desc.: *Habitat for Humanity of the Pennyriple Region is seeking funding through the KHC HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) to facilitate the new construction of up to 12 single family, owner-occupied homes and repair projects on up to 20 other homes. These projects will be located on residential lots at scattered sites in Christian, Hopkins and Webster counties.*

Site locations will be determined based on funding allocations, with a corresponding follow-up Clearinghouse submission planned. Projects are expected to be completed by the end of FY 2021-22.

KY202101130026

Title: Clearing and Grading

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS:	Princeton-Caldwell Co Airport		Federal: \$0.00
Status: Approved			Applicant: \$0.00
Federal: FAA	Lloyd Murdock	Matthew Fossett	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 20.106	(270) 625-3609	(859) 263-0009	Local: \$0.00
County: Caldwell	lmurdock@uky.edu	mfossett@aei.cc	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$0.00

Desc.: *On behalf of the Princeton - Caldwell County Airport, American Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is submitting the following project for review. The airport is located at the Princeton-Caldwell County airport 301 Aviation Road, Princeton, Caldwell County Ky 42445. More specifically the project site is located at 37.111278° N 87.859510° W. The board plans to acquire this plot of land perform some tree clearing, and grading.*

KY202101190050

Title: BRIC 2020 Smithland Flood Risk Reduction

Project Information

Applicant Information

Submitter Information

Funding Information

WRIS:
Status: Under Review
Federal: FEMA
CFDA: 97.047
County: Livingston

Livingston County Fiscal Court
Garret Gruber
(270) 928-2105
garrett.gruber@livingstonco.ky.gov

Geni Jo Brawner
(502) 607-5797
geneva.j.brawner.nfg@mail.mil

Federal: \$1,120,951.00
Applicant: \$0.00
State: \$0.00
Local: \$373,650.00
Program: \$0.00
Other: \$0.00
TOTAL: \$1,494,601.00

(List):

Desc.: Construction of a flood barrier system along the Ohio River parallel to Riverfront Drive.

2021 Schedule

2021 Deadlines/Meetings	Date
KWIB Meeting	Thursday, March 18, 2021
KYWorks Collaborative	Thursday, March 25, 2021
WorkReady Application Deadline	Friday, March 12, 2021
WR Staff will send WRC applications to the WRC Committee for review	Friday, March 19, 2021
WRC Committee will return applications with feedback/questions to WR Staff	Friday, March 26, 2021
Send feedback/questions from the WRC Committee to the counties	Friday, March 26, 2021
Deadline for the counties to send feedback/questions to WR Staff	Friday, April 2, 2021
WR Staff will send county feedback/questions to the committee	Friday, April 9, 2021
WorkReady Communities Review Committee Meeting	Friday, April 23, 2021
KWIB Meeting	Thursday, May 20, 2021
KYWorks Collaborative	Thursday, May 27, 2021
WorkReady Application Deadline	Friday, June 4, 2021
WR Staff will send WRC applications to the WRC Committee for review	Friday, June 11, 2021
WRC Committee will return applications with feedback/questions to WR Staff	Friday, June 18, 2021
Send feedback/questions from the WRC Committee to the counties	Friday, June 18, 2021
Deadline for the counties to send feedback/questions to WR Staff	Friday, June 25, 2021
WR Staff will send county feedback/questions to the committee	Friday, July 2, 2021
WorkReady Communities Review Committee Meeting	Friday, July 30, 2021
KWIB Meeting	Thursday, August 19, 2021
KYWorks Collaborative	Thursday, August 26, 2021
WorkReady Application Deadline	Friday, September 3, 2021
WR Staff will send WRC applications to the WRC Committee for review	Friday, September 10, 2021
WRC Committee will return applications with feedback/questions to WR Staff	Friday, September 17, 2021
Send feedback/questions from the WRC Committee to the counties	Friday, September 17, 2021
Deadline for the counties to send feedback/questions to WR Staff	Friday, September 24, 2021
WR Staff will send county feedback/questions to the committee	Friday, October 1, 2021
WorkReady Communities Review Committee Meeting	Friday, October 15, 2021
KWIB Meeting	Thursday, November 18, 2021
KYWorks Collaborative	Thursday, December 2, 2021

Approved and Revised Criteria for Work Ready Communities - Approved 11.19.20 and Effective 1.1.21

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Criteria	Work Ready in Progress	Work Ready		Recertification # 1 (3 years)	Data Source	Links to Info / Data
	Plan	Criteria	Plan	Criteria		
High School Graduation Rate	Reach 90% or greater in 3 yrs.	90%+	Maintain 90%+	Maintain 90%+	KYSTATS Work Ready Communities	https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/WRC_2019
Working Age Population Without a High School Diploma / Equivalent (HSE)	Decrease to 15% of population or less without diploma or HSE	<= 15%	Decrease 2%	13%- with a plan to reach 10%- and maintain	KYSTATS Work Ready Communities	https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/WRC_2019
Some College or Higher Degree	Reach 43% or greater	43%+	Increase 2%	45%+ with a plan to increase 1% every 3 years	KYSTATS Work Ready Communities	https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/WRC_2019
Associates or Higher Degree	Reach 25% or greater Exception: The attainment rate can be modified to a goal of 20% if a majority of the county's 5-year job demand in approved KWIB sectors do not require an associate's degree or higher. Evidence to verify the exception request should be provided in the Workforce Supply & Demand section of the application.	25%+ Exception: The attainment rate can be modified to a goal of 22% if a majority of the county's 5-year job demand in approved KWIB sectors do not require an associate's degree or higher. Evidence to verify the exception request should be provided in the Workforce Supply & Demand section of the application.	Increase 2%	27%+ with a plan to increase 1% every 3 years	KYSTATS Work Ready Communities	https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/WRC_2019
High School Work Ethic Seal	Plan / Description to Implement with Potential Number of Enrollments	Number of Enrollments	Increase Number of Enrollments	Plan to continue to Increase	County self-reported	Local Board of Education
Kentucky Essential Skills Certificate / Career Readiness Certificates, Other	Plan / Description to Implement	Number of Certs Awarded	Increase Number of Certs Awarded	Plan to Continue to Increase	WIN (Soft Skills Program)	http://cpe.ky.gov/data/index.html https://ncrc.ky.gov/Default.aspx

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REVISED CRITERIA - Work-Based Learning (Apprenticeships, co-ops, internships, etc.)	Plan to Review / Evaluate Number of Work Based Learning Opportunities as Related to Demand	Number of Work-Based Learning Opportunities Awarded	Increase Number of Work-Based Learning Opportunities Demand	Continue to Evaluate with a plan to balance supply/demand as much as possible	KYSTATS Kentucky Workforce Dashboard	https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/KWD_2020
Internet Availability and Speed	Within 3 years... In counties with a population of 50,000 plus... must develop a plan to meet 25 Mbps available to 90%+ of population. With a population, less than 50,000... must develop a plan to meet 25 Mbps available to 60%+ of population in counties.	Objectively demonstrate attainment of 25 Mbps availability to 90%+ of population in counties with a population of 50,000 plus and/or 60%+ of population in counties with a population less than 50,000.	Maintain	Maintain	Federal Communications Commission Broadband Access	https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/connect2health/#ll=41.14557,-85.36377&z=6&t=broadband&bbm=filtered_access&dmf=none
REVISED CRITERIA - Increased Workforce Participation for and Engagement of Underserved Populations including the following: Disabilities Ex-Offender/Re-Entry Foster Youth Youth and Young Adults Recovery Homeless Unemployed Underemployed Foreign Born/Immigrants Veterans	Must develop a plan to provide employment and engagement opportunities to underserved populations. Plan should address potential barriers such as childcare, health, housing, transportation, and other supportive services serving as incentives or disincentives to work resulting in improvement in the labor participation rate within a 3-year period.	Objectively demonstrate execution / progress of plan to engage underserved populations with input from community-specific partners tied to those individuals and local employers especially as related to addressing potential childcare, health score, housing, transportation, and other barriers that may exist in increasing workforce participation and engagement.	Show how this plan has increased workforce participation rate over the last 3 years.	Increase Workforce Participation Rate	Kynect Resources; Office of Vocational Rehab Services; Cabinet for Health and Family Services; Veterans Organizations; Childcare Providers; Transportation Related Organizations; Refugee and ELL Coordinators; Foster Youth Organizations; Parole and Probation; Reentry Programs; Homeless Organizations or Shelters; Community-Based Organizations assisting Underserved Populations; Etc.	https://kynect.ky.gov/resources/s/?language=en-US https://kcc.ky.gov/Vocational-Rehabilitation/Pages/default.aspx https://chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx https://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dccbs/dcc/Pages/ccap.aspx https://transportation.ky.gov/TransportationDelivery/Pages/Resouces.aspx https://kyrm.org/services/ https://kentucky.kvc.org/ https://corrections.ky.gov/Probation-and-Parole/Pages/default.aspx https://www.kentuckyreentry.org/resources/ https://www.hhck.org/coordinated-entry https://kpcanet.com/community-development

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Workforce Supply vs. Demand	<p>Work with local workforce board to review and analyze 5-year occupational demand by industry in order to have a system, which supplies industry with the talent pipeline needed. Identify key sectors and occupations, and explain how the community is producing a workforce ready to fill those positions.</p> <p>Provide support letters from local workforce board, chamber of commerce, economic development, individual employers, other demand industries, etc.</p>	<p>Work with local workforce board to review and analyze 5-year occupational industry demand to create a system which supplies industry with the talent pipeline needed. Identify key sectors and occupations, and explain how the community is producing a workforce ready to fill those positions.</p> <p>Provide support letters from local workforce board, chamber of commerce, economic development, individual employers, other demand industries, etc.</p>	<p>Continue to review, analyze and plan.</p>	<p>Continue to review, analyze and plan to balance supply / demand as much as possible.</p>	KYSTATS	<p>https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/KWD_2020</p> <p>https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/B2W_2020</p> <p>https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/2020_ICEE</p> <p>https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/ECP_2020</p> <p>https://kystats.ky.gov/Reports/Tableau/KCPR_2020</p>

*The data for some categories is collected for different age populations, see below:
 - Some College or Higher Degree data is collected for ages 18-64
 - Working Age Population Without a High School Diploma / Equivalent (HSE) data is collected for ages 18-64
 - Associates or Higher Degree data is collected for ages 25-64

LABOR MARKET SNAPSHOT

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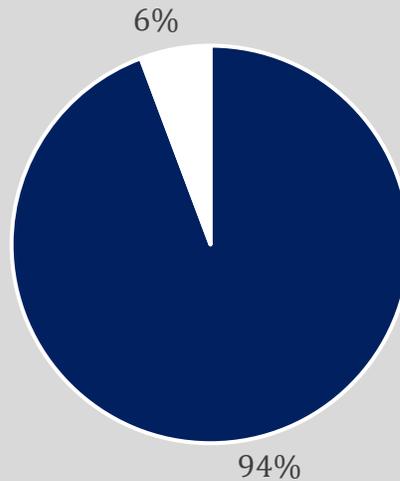
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■ EMPLOYED

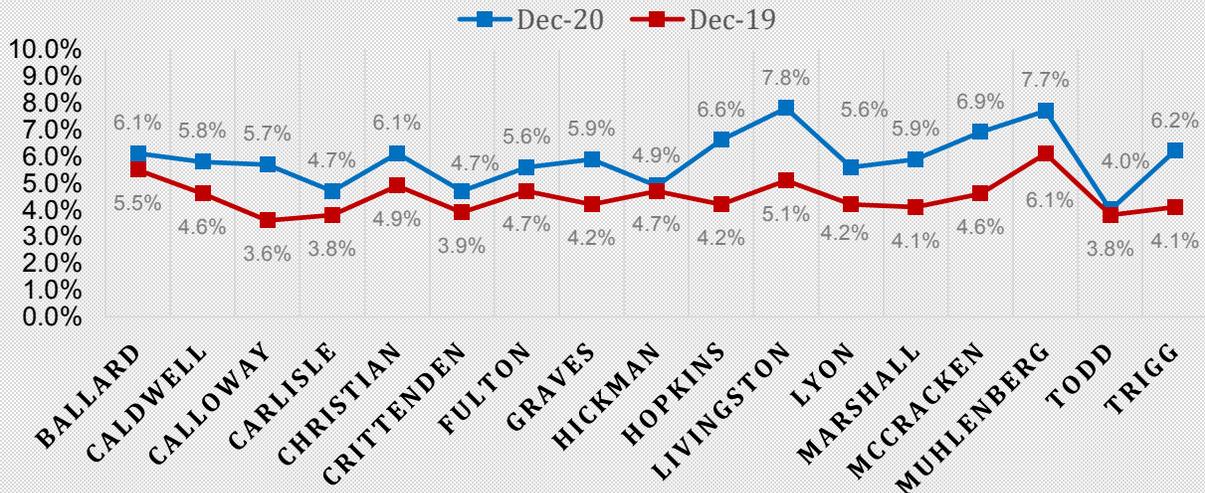
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Employed: 153,533

Unemployed: 10,141



UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS



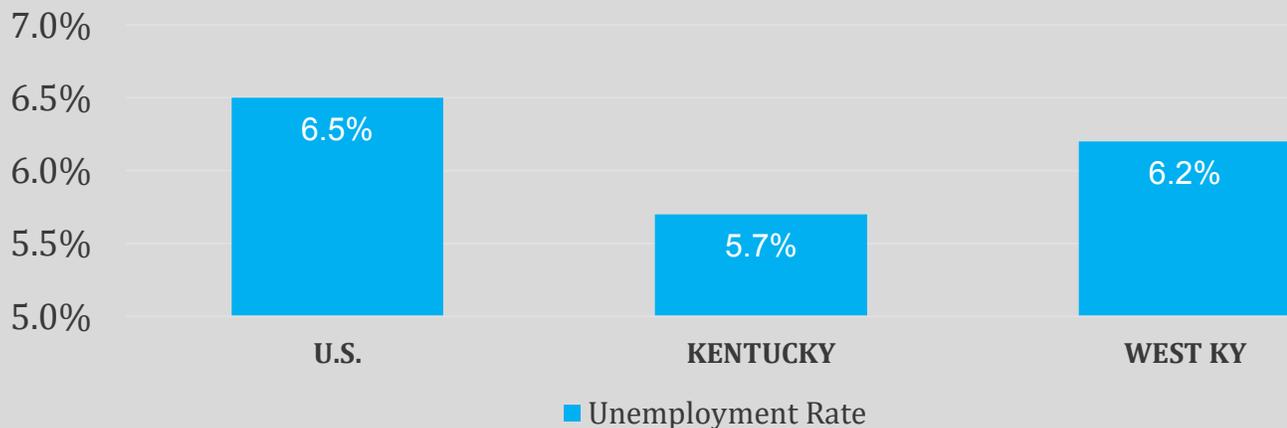
Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

West Kentucky Unemployment Rates

December 2019 – December 2020

COUNTY	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20
LOCAL AREA	4.4	5.5	5.2	6.6	15.5	10.2	4.8	5.2	7.7	5.4	7.1	5.4	6.2
BALLARD	5.4	6.4	5.8	6.6	14.7	9.2	4.5	5.0	7.2	5.2	7.1	5.5	6.1
CALDWELL	4.6	5.5	5.2	6.7	14.6	8.6	4.5	5.0	7.3	5.3	6.7	5.0	5.8
CALLOWAY	3.5	4.4	5.2	5.9	12.7	7.8	4.4	4.7	6.8	4.8	6.5	5.1	5.7
CARLISLE	3.7	4.7	4.3	4.9	8.7	5.5	3.0	3.6	4.9	3.8	4.9	3.8	4.7
CHRISTIAN	4.8	5.8	5.4	6.5	17.9	12.0	5.7	5.9	8.5	6.0	7.4	5.5	6.1
CRITTENDEN	3.8	5.3	4.8	5.6	11.8	7.3	3.7	4.1	5.9	4.2	5.8	4.0	4.7
FULTON	4.8	5.3	4.7	6.1	11.2	8.0	5.2	5.4	8.3	6.4	7.1	4.7	5.6
GRAVES	4.3	5.1	4.7	5.5	12.9	8.0	4.4	4.7	6.9	4.9	6.7	5.2	5.9
HICKMAN	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.9	10.5	6.4	3.7	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.3	3.9	4.9
HOPKINS	4.0	5.1	4.7	6.4	20.3	13.3	6.0	5.7	8.4	5.7	7.7	5.7	6.6
LIVINGSTON	5.0	6.5	6.4	7.1	15.4	11.0	5.3	5.6	8.1	6.2	8.2	6.3	7.8
LYON	4.2	5.4	4.7	5.8	11.3	6.7	3.6	4.0	6.3	4.9	6.3	4.8	5.6
MARSHALL	4.0	5.4	5.2	5.7	13.9	8.6	4.2	4.4	6.4	4.6	6.4	5.0	5.9
MCCRACKEN	4.5	5.5	5.1	5.8	16.9	10.9	5.4	5.6	8.2	5.8	7.9	6.0	6.9
MUHLENBERG	6.3	7.4	7.2	8.0	16.1	11.6	6.2	6.9	10.3	7.2	9.4	7.1	7.7
TODD	3.8	4.6	4.2	4.8	11.7	7.1	3.3	3.7	5.4	3.8	4.6	3.3	4.0
TRIGG	4.0	5.5	5.3	6.2	17.1	10.0	4.7	5.0	7.1	5.6	6.7	5.3	6.2

Overall View of Unemployment Rates *December 2020*



Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

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The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) is a non-profit, non-partisan, member-owned association of elected county officials in all 120 counties.

KACo provides services to support, educate and advocate for our members.

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**Stronger Counties.
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KACo WORKS TO PROMOTE COUNTIES FIRST,
PRESERVE COUNTY DECISION-MAKING AND PROTECT
COUNTIES FROM COST-SHIFTING AND PREEMPTION
OF AUTHORITY.

1. Invest in transportation infrastructure

- Increase the gas tax and other transportation-related fees; establish fees for electric vehicles.
- Preserve the agreed-upon formula for distribution of funding to counties and cities.

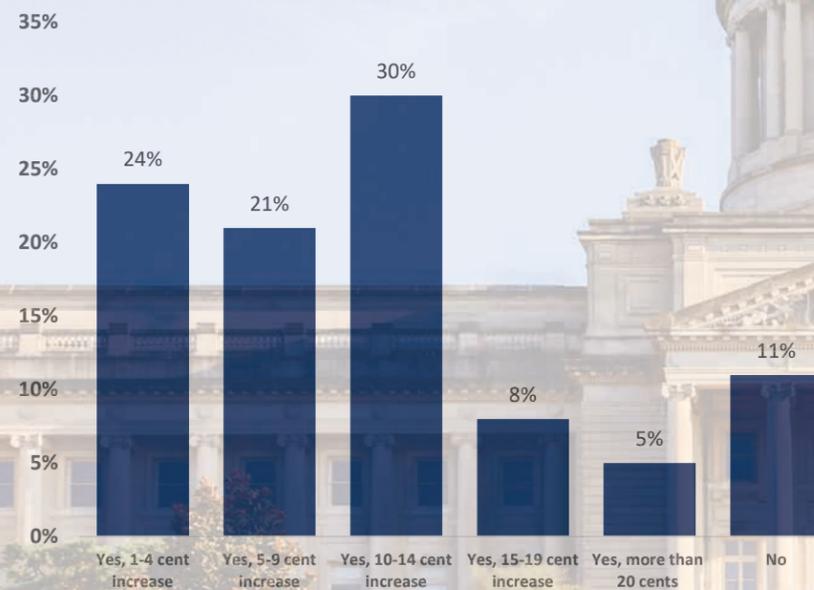
3. Jail Relief

- Pursue positive criminal justice reform.
- Expand access to substance abuse treatment.
- Increase the state per diem rate.
- Preserve the state appropriation to closed jails.

From the 2020 poll of KACo members

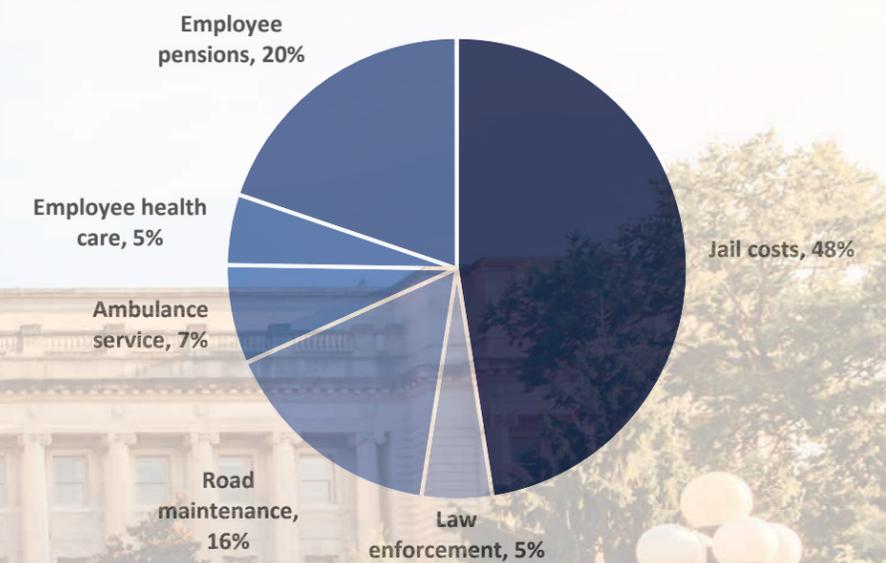
Q. GAS TAX:

Do you support raising the gas tax to increase funding for local roads and bridges?



From the 2020 poll of KACo members

Q. BUDGETS: Which of the following is putting the most pressure on your county's budget?



2. Broadband access and affordability

- Collaborate to find solutions to limited access to broadband.
- Lower regulatory barriers to expanded broadband access.

4. Opportunities to streamline and collaborate

- Transition Sheriff's budget from calendar year to the county fiscal year.
- Develop foreclosure options for abandoned/blighted property.

43%

of county officials polled said that

A LACK OF AVAILABLE PROVIDERS

is the most significant barrier to residents in their county getting broadband.

5. County revenue flexibility

- Allow countywide sales tax authority.
- Support countywide revenue options and collection.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

2021 EDITION



2021

KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES

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What is the Kentucky League of Cities?

Established in 1927, the Kentucky League of Cities serves as the united voice of Kentucky cities. Committed to the principle of home rule, KLC believes local decisions are best made at the local level. We are governed by a 65-member Board of Directors and a 17-member Executive Board.

Who Does KLC Serve?

The Kentucky League of Cities represents mayors, city managers and administrators, fire chiefs, police chiefs, city attorneys, city clerks, council members, commissioners and many more city officials.

KLC LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EFFORTS:

- * Local, State and Federal Relations
- * Legislative Testimony on Issues Important to Cities
- * Annual Legislative Agenda for Cities
- * Annual Legislative Update for Cities
- * Legislative Wrap-Ups for Cities
- * Awards and Recognition of Legislators Who Go Above and Beyond for Cities
- * KLC City Limit Legislative News Website
- * Weekly Legislative Bulletin
- * Bill Drafting and Tracking During Session
- * Research
- * Local Mandate Analysis
- * Wage and Salary Survey/Report
- * City Government Month

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY KLC:

- * Community Development
- * Financial Services
- * Municipal Law
- * Education & Training
- * Insurance
- * Personnel Services
- * *Kentucky City Magazine*
- * KLC Conference & Expo

Cities Are Booming

- Cities are responsible for 75% of all economic activity in the commonwealth.
- City populations have grown four times faster than unincorporated areas in Kentucky since 2010.
- City populations have grown by 4% since 2010, compared to 1.2% for unincorporated areas.
- 2.47 million people live in Kentucky cities.
- Four out of five jobs in Kentucky are in cities.
- Kentucky cities employ more than 30,500 people.
- City governments spend more than \$5.5 billion each year.
- Cities are responsible for more than 10,000 miles of public roads in Kentucky.
- About 40% of Kentucky cities operate a public drinking water utility, 45% operate a municipal sewer system, and 17% operate either an electrical or natural gas system.

Cities Provide Essential Services

- Public Safety
- Sidewalks and Street Lights
- Clean Drinking Water
- Sewer Systems and Wastewater Treatment
- Economic Development
- Safe Roads
- Public Transportation and Bike Paths
- Tourism and Recreation
- Code Enforcement
- Parks and Public Spaces
- Public Utilities
- Youth and Senior Services
- Trash and Recycling Collection
- Historic Preservation
- Job Training
- Public Housing

The KLC Board of Directors sets the legislative agenda each year after extensive discussion and consultation with local elected officials and public service representatives in cities of all sizes. The goal is to ensure that community leaders have the tools and latitude needed to provide effective governance at the local level.

City representatives establish top legislative priorities each session. For 2021, the call is for modernization of transportation funding and revenue options. The need for new approaches to economic development, policing and community revitalization are also high on the 2021 Legislative Agenda. Every proposal focuses on the growth and vitality of the state through booming and desirable communities.

The Kentucky League of Cities and all its members seek to enhance the quality of life within our cities. The KLC Legislative Agenda aims to provide local elected leaders with the mechanisms needed to develop and maintain thriving municipalities for Kentucky while preserving the tenets of home rule.

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Kentucky cities are booming! More people moving into Kentucky’s thriving cities and more jobs being added to the local economy mean more traffic. Kentucky cities are responsible for thousands of miles of public roads, but it is not an easy or inexpensive task. As state and federal funding dwindles, municipalities are forced to do more with less, and the high cost of maintaining vital infrastructure becomes more of a struggle. It is time for the Kentucky legislature to pass measures that address the growing transportation needs in the state and modernize the antiquated funding formulas that no longer fairly distribute gas tax proceeds to local governments.

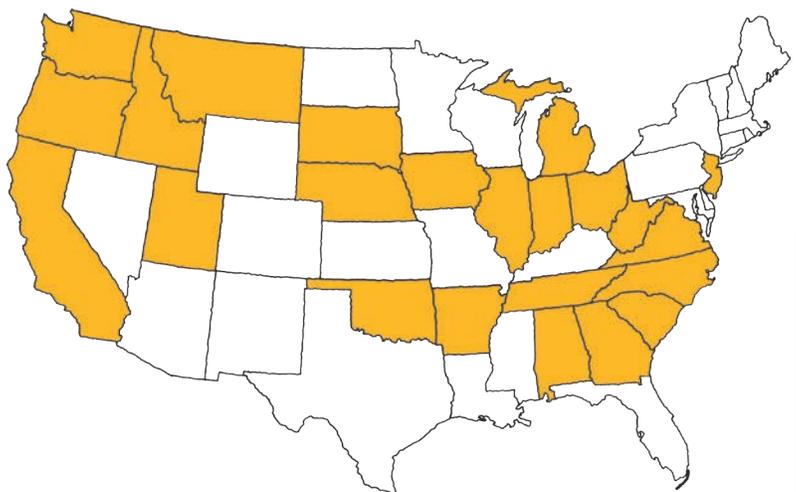
Legislative Priority: Cities seek legislation that reprioritizes the state’s investment in transportation, ensures adequate revenue for transportation projects, and updates the road funding formula to more accurately reflect the way Kentuckians live and travel in the 21st century.

The condition of city roads and bridges directly impacts the ability of a community to grow and attract new business. While the population of Kentucky cities has continued to expand, the funding formulas of important transportation networks have not changed for nearly 50 years.

Additionally, Kentucky has not updated the amount it collects at the gas pump since 2015. Twenty-three (23) states and the District of Columbia have amended their gas tax since that time, including nearby Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Virginia and West Virginia. However, Kentucky has remained the same and collected relatively flat revenues.

23 States with Updated Gas Tax:

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.



Kentucky brought in \$31.6 million less in motor fuels taxes in FY 2020 compared to FY 2019 – 16% less than the high mark seen in FY 2014. Motor fuels revenue is expected to stay flat for the next several years, well below the FY 2014 \$886 million level.

Motor fuels taxes are the only portion of the Road Fund that is shared with local governments, with 48.2% divided among city, county, and rural roads largely through a system established in 1948. Known as the “formula of fifths,” the system allocates 40.5% of fuels tax revenue to county and secondary roads. The formula heavily favors rural areas: One-fifth is allocated equally to all counties, one-fifth is based on rural population, one-fifth is based on rural road miles and the remaining two-fifths is divided up according to rural land area. The formula does not factor in the population boom of cities nor the high cost of upkeep for those heavily traveled roads. In fact, it can penalize counties with rapid growth.

Gas Tax Revenue from 2014 to 2020



Kentucky brought in \$31.6 million less in motor fuels taxes in FY 2020 compared to FY 2019. Levels have not reached those seen in FY 2014.

Cities maintain more than 10,000 miles of public roads – streets that are more expensive to build and preserve due to requirements such as curbs and gutters, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required sidewalks, and storm water drainage. Cities have seen spending on streets and roads climb 36% from FY 2010 to FY 2019, while state and federal support has dropped nearly 24%.

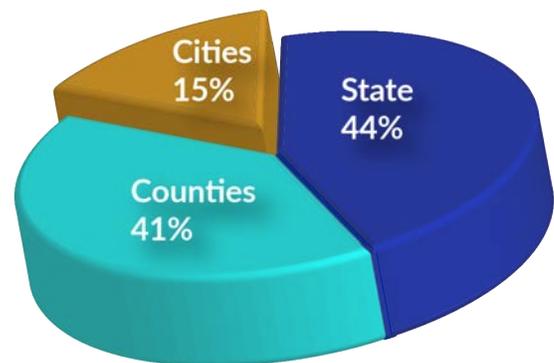
The legislature created the municipal road aid program in 1972 – which allocates 7.7% of fuels tax revenue – but it has also not changed since that time. State and federal road funds currently provide only about one-fourth of what cities spend on streets. The bulk of the cost is borne by local taxpayers at the expense of other important programs and services that receive revenue through local city tax dollars.

It Is Time to Modernize

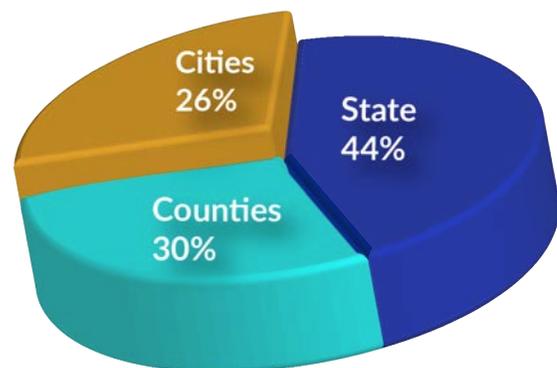
An agreement reached between the Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) to update the state’s road funding formula acknowledges the growth and demand on city streets by equally dividing shareable motor fuels income over \$825 million, the high reached in FY 2014. Any amount above that threshold would be split between the municipal and county road aid programs at 13% each. This will help ensure cities have the resources needed to keep high-traffic areas safe while also holding counties harmless.

Currently, 61% of yearly local vehicle miles traveled in Kentucky are on rural roads, yet county and rural secondary roads receive 85% of road aid revenue. Urban roads account for 39% of local vehicle miles traveled, but cities are only provided 15% of the state’s road aid allocations. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reports that vehicle usage since 2010 has decreased 10% on rural local roads in the state but increased 10% on urban local roads.

Road Aid Formula Modernization



Road Aid Up to \$825M



Road Aid Over \$825M

The Kentucky League of Cities is part of the Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition (KIC), a group of more than 43 organizations and employers that is calling for the legislature to act. Infrastructure needs have never been higher, and time is running out. If the state does not take action in the 2021 session, Kentucky will lag another year behind and bridges and roads will continue to deteriorate. It is time to modernize and enact measures that bring Kentucky in line with neighboring states.

Cities are the foundation on which Kentucky is built. Most Kentuckians work and live in a city, and cities provide the infrastructure that keeps Kentucky running. People migrating to Kentucky's cities are looking for a quality of life that requires resources to keep people safe, connected and productive. It is vital that the local elected officials entrusted with maintaining their city have the ability to generate the revenue needed to meet the community's needs while also recognizing the unique opportunities and challenges that each city faces.

Legislative priority: Kentucky's revenue-limited cities seek modernization of the state's antiquated funding options, equalization of revenue tools that are currently only available to some cities based on prior classification, and protection of the few methods available to cities to pay for services and community enhancements.

Unlock Kentucky's Potential

Kentucky cities have been forced to rely on a small number of revenue options for 130 years. The Kentucky Constitution, adopted in 1891, impedes the legislature's ability to comprehensively reform local government tax policies. That means city leaders must run growing communities and fund an increased demand for services on revenue that is largely generated from productivity – income collected through property, occupational, and license taxes, and from a few fees.

Revising the language in Section 181 of the Kentucky Constitution is the first step in designing revenue options more in line with the 21st century economy, so legislators can enact measures that allow for more decisions at the local level. Once the legislature passes a bill seeking a change to that one section of the constitution, Kentuckians would vote on the idea in the 2022 election.

Recognizing the need to modernize such antiquated language is key to unlocking Kentucky's potential.

Current funding limitations and the financial strains created by the unprecedented impact of 2020 have threatened the potential for economic development in several Kentucky cities. While many cities have been able to cut budgets and trim staff, local elected leaders can do only so much while costs continue to climb. City leaders can either add to existing taxes paid by their citizens or reduce services that are needed to attract new businesses and jobs.

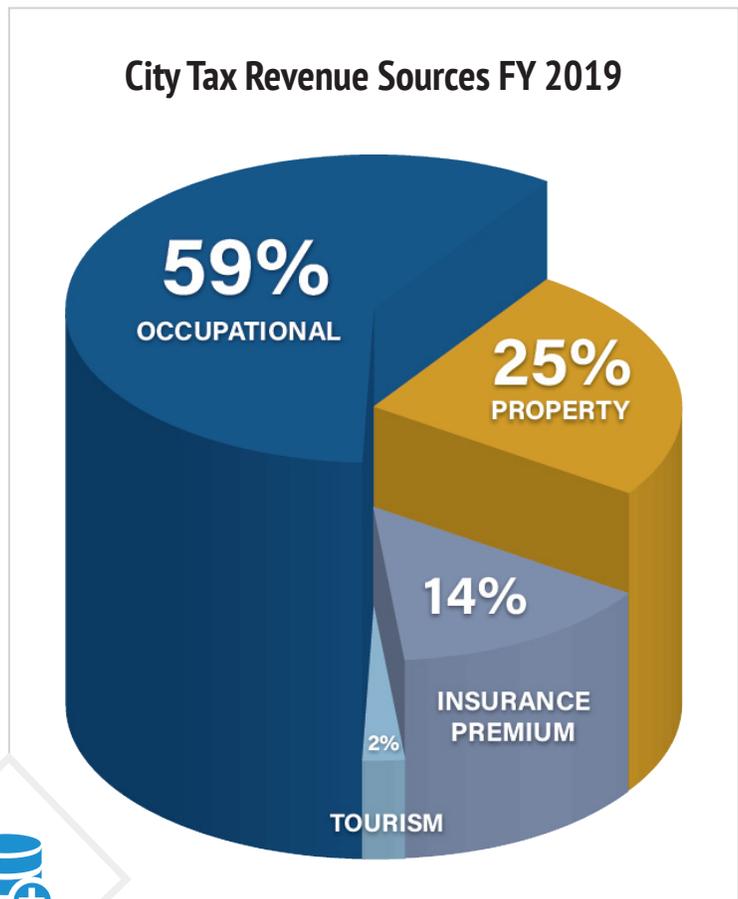
One option available to some municipalities is the collection of consumption-based restaurant revenue. This is income generated more from visitors to the community and helps fund neighborhood improvements. However, only former fourth and fifth class cities can collect the earnings, which preempts almost half of the state's cities from even considering this financial option.

Consumption-Based Revenue

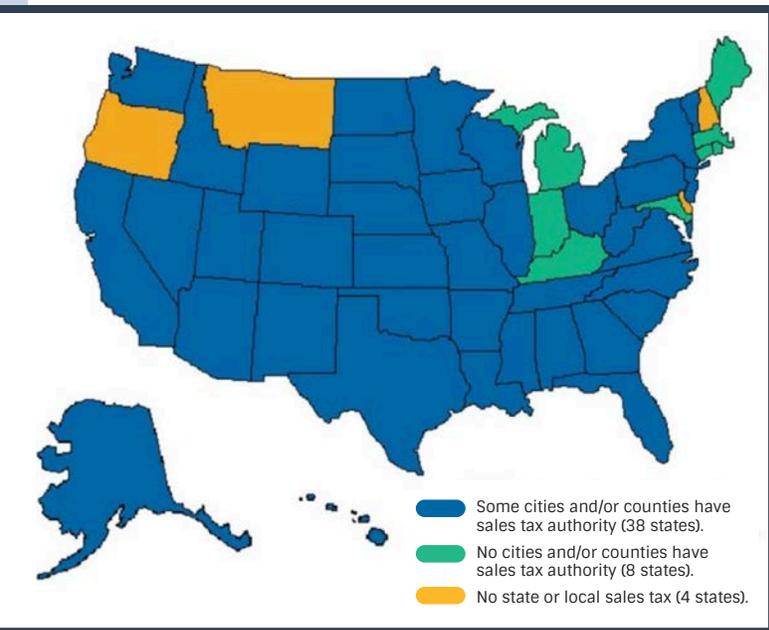
Consumption-based restaurant revenue is collected from consumers who choose to eat in a local establishment. This allows for tourists and other visitors to a city to help fund the services and amenities they utilize. Spreading out the cost to everyone ensures local citizens are not shouldering the entire expense of operating and maintaining a city, and it reduces taxes on the restaurant owner.

Business owners who collect a small 1%, 2% or 3% fee on a customer's bill would not pay a net profits or gross receipts tax. A portion of the funds would go to the local tourism commission, and the city would utilize the rest to invest in community improvements that are designed to draw more tourists and restaurant customers into the city.

When it comes to collecting consumption-based restaurant revenue and other needed types of reform, the focus is often on leveling the playing field. Many Kentucky cities border Tennessee, which has no state income tax. Competing for business and jobs in these communities is a challenge.



Moving Kentucky into a more consumption-based tax structure would be a big step toward modernization. That includes allowing cities the option to collect a local sales tax. Kentucky is one of only 12 states that does not allow one or more local governments to collect that funding.



It is important that changes to tax policies do not obstruct the few revenue-generating options cities have available. Both cities and counties can collect an occupational license tax on the net profits of businesses and/or on the salaries and wages that employees earn. The money raised provides the essential services business owners and their employees expect while doing business in the community. If a city and county with a population of 30,000 or more both levy an occupational license tax, the amount paid to the city can be credited toward the amount owed to the county, except in a few circumstances.

The credit helps ensure taxes are not stacked on local businesses and workers. People who conduct business in a city's limits count on city services (police, fire, streets, etc.). Removing the crediting provision would ultimately result in taxpayers paying for duplicate services. Eliminating the credit would result in millions of dollars of higher taxes for more than a quarter million Kentuckians.

State government should not interfere with the collection of local funds that pay for community services. Centralized collection of municipal revenue would slow down the ability of city leaders to serve their citizens. Additionally, it could create an environment where money designated for local projects ends up swept into state coffers.

Mayors and other local elected officials are calling on state legislators to support the principles of home rule and provide the tools cities need to keep the state on a path of progress and prosperity. Revenue diversification is a big part of the equation. By allowing cities to pursue economic solutions that are specific to their community's unique challenges, Kentucky will be embracing modern funding solutions that help ensure the state continues to thrive.

Cities are the economic engines of Kentucky. Most people work in a city, and when companies consider locating in Kentucky it is the amenities, workforce and livability of nearby cities that factor heavily into the decision. Economic development is vital to the future of Kentucky and its thriving cities.

Legislative Priority: The Kentucky League of Cities Board of Directors supports legislation in the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly that enhances economic development opportunities in Kentucky's cities.

Several programs aim to help communities recruit new jobs and expand the available workforce, but these initiatives often need to be updated and modified to ensure they provide the intended boost. For instance, the current cap on Kentucky's historic tax credit limits its use.

KLC seeks to increase the \$5 million cap to \$30 million a year to make it more feasible for private investors to help cities restore historic buildings. Such a change would revitalize communities, create jobs and improve property values.

Many of Kentucky's neighboring states uncapped their Historic Tax Credit and have seen more investments and jobs. Kentucky legislators enhanced the tax credit for one year in 2014 for Louisville and Lexington, and the onetime increase resulted in more than \$300 million in investments and 1,700 new jobs.

As Kentucky attempts to reconstruct the state's economy and recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, every opportunity must be explored. Cumbersome and outdated restrictions on economic development incentives make such programs less likely to be utilized. Additionally, city leaders are looking for new ideas to grow their community and Kentucky overall.



Blighted, Deteriorated & Vacant Properties

Communities of all sizes are dealing with a growing dilemma – blighted and abandoned properties. From homes to businesses and former industrial sites, these areas are often more than a nuisance. They can attract crime, bring down property values and create a fire hazard. Determining how to approach the problem and finding the best way to rehabilitate these locations are ongoing struggles.

Legislative Priority: Expand the tools currently available to cities to address deteriorated and vacant properties, including creating a conservatorship for rehabilitation of qualifying areas.

Most cities in Kentucky have faced the question of how to handle rundown and empty buildings. A study conducted by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy revealed that unused homes and businesses can cost a city millions of dollars in lost tax revenue and lead to a feeling of community isolation for citizens who live near the site.

A 2019 KLC survey found that almost all Kentucky cities have some type of vacant or blighted property and most have taken local action within the past two years to address the issue. However, the concern grows as a city grows. The few options cities have to help with these areas are not often feasible for municipalities with a population below 1,000, which is a majority of Kentucky cities.

The ability to create a conservatorship for deteriorated properties gives cities a new way to seek a solution that ensures the financial and aesthetic value of the community. Rules would be set to help the court determine if a location is “abandoned and blighted.” A local government would have to file a petition with the Circuit Court in the county in which the structure is located for appointment of a conservator to take possession of and fix the property. Additionally, the petition would be required to include copies of all code violations, a preliminary plan for rehabilitation to bring the building into compliance, cost estimates, anticipated funding sources, and a timeline for completion.

Certain locations would be ineligible for conservatorship, and the entire process would include repeated updates to all interested parties. Twenty-two (22) states have implemented similar legislation, including six of Kentucky’s seven contiguous states.

Rehabilitation of abandoned and blighted buildings benefits a community by providing for productive reuse, reinstatement of taxable property, and increased property values, in addition to the promotion of affordable housing.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES



Modernization of Newspaper Publication Requirements:

Kentucky cities constantly review budgets and expenses to ensure they are good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Legislators passed House Bill 195 in the 2020 session to help some local governments conserve resources, but the legislation only pertains to 145 cities in nine counties.

The bill allows local governments within a county that has a population of 80,000 or more to post documents and other legal announcements on their website instead of paying to print the entire notice in a local newspaper. There are rules for how and where the document must be available online, and a city must still publish a onetime newspaper advertisement to inform citizens on where the information is located.

Legislative Priority: Cities seek legislation in the 2021 session to modernize publication laws for all municipalities by permitting cities, regardless of a county's population, to publish documents and advertisements on a city website in lieu of full newspaper publication.



Policing Procedures:

Recent high-profile incidents have raised awareness of the need to review policing procedures utilized by public safety officers who are tasked everyday with keeping our communities safe.

Developing better, more united cities requires a dedicated police force that has the training and guidance needed to ensure that they are able to do their job. KLC and its member cities support the police departments that keep our cities safe and recognize the need to ensure citizens that officers are meeting the high expectations set by the community and its elected officials.

Legislative Priority: City leaders seek legislation that strengthens the decertification law that ensures officers who get in trouble or are under investigation do not simply change jobs to another department. Cities also support limiting the use of no-knock warrants. KLC opposes both eliminating qualified immunity and passing other limitations that hinder the ability of a peace officer to conduct his or her job safely and effectively.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

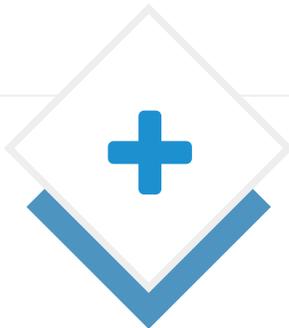


Open Records/Open Meetings Law:

Transparency is vital to ensure citizens have faith in the management of their city and utilization of tax revenue. However, it is important that efforts to improve and ensure open government are not detrimental to it running a cost-efficient operation. Senate Bill 230, passed in the 2019

Regular Session, provides citizens the ability to email a request for documents subject to the Open Records Act. The measure created some unforeseen issues for city clerks.

Legislative Priority: KLC seeks an amendment to Kentucky's Open Records Act to make compliance easier for cities, particularly in response to electronic submission of requests. Cities are also seeking an amendment to Kentucky's Open Meetings Act to allow going into closed session to authorize an agent to bid at an auction on the sale of property and to discuss contract negotiations.



Substance Abuse:

Since 2013, the Kentucky League of Cities has maintained an active position on battling the substance abuse epidemic throughout the commonwealth. It remains a top legislative priority for 2021. All cities in the state are impacted by the social, criminal and economic impacts of alcohol and drug abuse.

Legislative Priority: KLC will continue to support legislation that addresses the substance abuse problem in Kentucky. The League will have an active position on and participate in efforts to combat the criminal aspects of drug trafficking and abuse as well as a proactive stance on treatment, rehabilitation, training and workforce reentry for those who suffer from alcohol and drug abuse. Additionally, KLC will support the Office of Drug Control Policy working with local governments to establish criteria for a city to be designated a Recovery Ready Community for treatment and rehabilitation.

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Alcohol Regulatory License Equity:

Cities continue to see a disparity in the number and types of alcohol licenses that can be issued at the state level compared to those issued by city governments. This makes regulating licenses at the local level more difficult, if not impossible. Senate Bill 29, passed in the 2019

Regular Session, helped level the playing field by allowing some cities to impose a regulatory license fee upon the gross receipts of the sale of alcoholic beverages. However, it only applied to cities with a population of less than 20,000, and some language in the measure created an issue for cities that had a local-option election between July 15, 2014, and July 15, 2017.

Legislative Priority: KLC supports expanding to all cities the ability to collect an alcohol regulatory license fee to offset some of the community's additional policing and regulatory costs associated with alcohol sales. Cities also support modifying the two-year enactment requirement from a wet or moist election date.



Paramedic and EMT Training:

Local governments are finding it more and more difficult to acquire qualified and certified candidates for paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The current method used by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) makes certification

difficult to obtain, which can delay the hiring and training process for cities in need of medical first responders.

Legislative Priority: Change the way KBEMS certifies paramedics and EMTs to make it easier for cities to find qualified and certified candidates and clarify that the current gubernatorial appointee to KBEMS who represents cities comes from a list of candidates submitted to the governor by the Kentucky League of Cities.



Local Government Bonding and Investments:

Legislators passed House Bill 69 in the 2019 session to provide local governments more opportunities to earn improved rates of return on investments. However, more adjustment needs to be made to ensure cities are maximizing benefits for taxpayers.

Legislative Priority: Cities seek an amendment that allows an unlimited percentage of investments to go into mutual funds solely comprised of instruments that are not otherwise limited.

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Rehiring Retired Police Officers and Firefighters:

Public safety is one of the key responsibilities for city leaders. City police and fire departments rely on skilled public servants to keep residents safe. The ability of these public safety agencies to rehire retired officers and firefighters is key to ensuring the city has adequate staffing and that those emergency responders are armed with enough experience and expertise to handle any situation.

Legislative Priority: City leaders ask legislators to change the reference year in current statute that limits the number of rehired police officers a city may employ. Municipalities would also like to pursue a similar program for fire departments.



Police and Fire Personnel:

City police and fire departments often require a staff that is as diverse as the roles they fill. These positions perform a wide range of services, but they do not all share the same risk or expertise. Some of the roles are appointed by local elected leaders, some serve despite a risk to their own health and safety, while others function in a support roll within the department.

Legislative Priority: KLC will pursue clarification to existing policies to stress that chiefs and non-uniformed employees are not entitled to a hearing process similar to those afforded to uniformed emergency responders who interact on a regular basis with the public. Additionally, clarity is sought on the complaint process utilized for public safety officers, and on vacation leave afforded to support staff to provide for a different system than that which is provided to uniformed officers. Cities are also seeking a clear process for the potential reduction of force and the elimination of the age restriction for the hiring of certain firefighters.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES



Property Tax Notification and Rate Setting:

Collecting property taxes in many local communities can sometimes be a time-consuming and burdensome task. Current procedure does not ensure municipalities have the most accurate ownership information when tax bills are mailed to citizens. This can cause unneeded delays in revenue collection and create unnecessary confusion for property owners.

Legislative Priority: Municipalities ask the legislature to require property valuation administrators (PVAs) to send cities updated ownership information instead of just providing city clerks a list of property owners as of January 1. This will ensure any property transfers that have occurred after that date are accurately reflected in tax bills that are mailed to citizens. Cities also support streamlining the process for cities that need to propose a property tax rate that would produce more than 4% above the compensating rate increase currently allowed.



Training for Elected City Officials:

Local elected officials are often members of the community who wish to serve the public. They may take office without a knowledge of parliamentary procedure, budgeting, local laws or state requirements.

Legislative Priority: Veteran city officials urge the legislature to mandate a three-hour, no-cost training course for newly elected city officials that will ensure a rudimentary knowledge of the duties and obligations of local elected officials.



Liability Protections:

The forced economic shutdown that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic hit many local government budgets, and the potential for coronavirus-related lawsuits further threatens taxpayer resources. While the federal government needs to address liability protections, it is imperative that the state provide such protections as well.

Legislative Priority: KLC will advocate for liability protections to safeguard taxpayer resources from frivolous COVID-related lawsuits.

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Wholesale Water Rates:

Wholesale water rates are regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). Proposed rate increases between municipal and regulated utilities can be appealed to the PSC, but municipal utilities may lose those potential proceeds during the appeal process, even if the increase is later approved.

Legislative Priority: Cities seek to amend state law to provide that during a period of appeal to the PSC for a new wholesale rate in transactions between municipal utilities and regulated utilities, the proposed rate increase is escrowed rather than lost by the municipal utility.



Untrained Constables:

Untrained constables pose a threat to the safety and security of cities. Several incidents have already been documented of these elected officers abusing their power and putting citizens in danger. In 2012, a committee created by the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet recommended lawmakers review powers granted to constables under the Kentucky Constitution to either eliminate or restrict the position or to grant local governments the ability to set limitations on constables.

Legislative Priority: KLC supports legislation to amend state law to eliminate the peace officer powers of constables unless they are certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and approved by the county fiscal court.



Annexation Filings with the Secretary of State:

Many Kentucky cities are growing, adding to the population and city boundaries. When a city annexes nearby property, it is required to file a new map with the Secretary of State to ensure the state's database has the newest data.

Legislative Priority: Municipalities seek legislation to require annexation submissions to include an electronic map to expedite entry of the new boundaries into the secretary's land database.

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Splash Parks/Pads:

Splash parks are growing in popularity as they offer cities a less expensive way to provide families more opportunities to enjoy the summer. These public areas have some ambiguity under current Kentucky law.

Legislative Priority: Cities are advocating for legislation that determines what laws and regulations apply to splash parks/pads compared to swimming pools.



Firefighter Candidate Physical Agility Testing:

The process of hiring and training new firefighters can be arduous. Potential delays in Candidate Physical Agility Testing (CPAT) provided by the Kentucky Fire Commission, which is only available twice a year in limited locations, complicate the process.

Legislative Priority: Providing cities the opportunity to develop their own physical agility testing, if they so choose, could provide a quicker path toward staffing fire departments.



Efficient Streetlights:

Streetlights can be a costly expenditure for cities, but they are a necessity for public safety. The quality and cost of those lights often can be improved greatly with the use of light emitting diodes (LEDs) or other more efficient options.

Legislative Priority: KLC will advocate for legislation that permits city governments to use eminent domain or otherwise require electric utilities to use more efficient lighting options for streetlights.

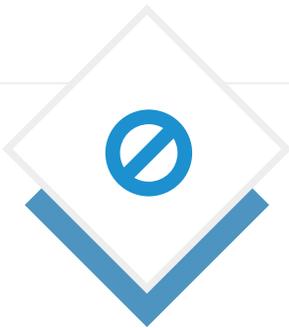
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Peace Officer Work Schedules:

Peace officers do not always work a set schedule, and a community's needs can often cause their work hours to change. Cities and their police officers need flexibility to amend the standard work schedule for officers to ensure taxpayer resources are being best utilized while also providing for the safety of the neighborhood.

Legislative Priority: Cities seek to amend current law to allow home rule cities to adopt a 14-day work period of up to 80 hours, instead of 40 hours within a seven-day work period. The change will allow for a better work-life balance for officers while reducing overtime paid by a municipality.



Employees Carrying Weapons:

Private employers in Kentucky can prohibit their employees from carrying a weapon on the business' property or while on duty. Public employers cannot.

Legislative Priority: KLC will advocate to amend state law so cities could have the same option private employers have to prohibit an employee from carrying weapons during his or her official duties.



Transportation Improvement Districts:

Infrastructure is a growing need in every community. These projects often require innovative approaches to solve evolving needs and to acquire adequate funding.

Legislative Priority: Cities will explore the possibility of creating Transportation Improvement Districts to find new and alternative funding sources for the implementation of transportation projects within a defined geographic area.

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Joint/Regional Tourism Commissions:

Tourism commissions ensure local events and destinations are highlighted throughout the region and state. These commissions often encompass several communities and are a joint effort among local governments and industry representatives. It is important that every agency impacted by the commission's decisions has a seat at the table.

Legislative Priority: A tourism commission that covers two or more counties should be required to provide representation for the mayor of the largest city in each county that participates in the commission, or a designee of the mayor's choosing. Representation should also be required for suburban cities on a tourism commission in a consolidated local government.



Ambulance Service Certificate of Need:

While many local governments operate an ambulance as part of the community's emergency medical services, others find it is more prudent to contract with a private ambulance company. However, those cities and counties need to be able to begin operations if the private company is not responding to the community's needs in a timely and judicious manner.

Legislative Priority: Municipalities seek solutions for local governments that need to obtain a certificate of need from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services when a private ambulance company is not providing the necessary level of services.

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Planned-Unit/Homeowner Association:

Neighborhood associations can often improve the quality of life in a city, providing amenities and creating a sense of community. However, in some cases the association cannot continue to afford the services it was designed to provide, leading to concern about how neighborhood programs will be funded.

Legislative Priority: KLC will seek legislation to help municipalities address problems created when homeowners' associations go defunct or planned-unit developments do not adequately cover the maintenance of common areas.



Encroachment Permits on Highways:

Road work and other types of contracted jobs that are conducted along streets that fall within a city's limits can often result in disruptions and dangerous conditions. To ensure the public's safety, it is important that city officials are assured these workers have obtained appropriate permits.

Legislative Priority: Municipalities are exploring ways to reduce incidences of contractors failing to obtain an encroachment permit from the state to help avoid traffic and other types of disruptions within city limits.

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Notification of Administrative Regulation Changes:

Many administrative regulations govern how cities and their various departments operate. Any decision made to amend these regulations must include input from the impacted parties. Regulations passed without first notifying stakeholders run the risk of creating confusion or resulting in unforeseen problems.

Legislative Priority: Cities urge the legislature to enact measures that block the final promulgation of administrative regulations if the agency failed to properly notify impacted parties or use the statutory process known as “RegWatch.”



Massage Parlor Preemption:

Home rule is key for local governments, as each community’s needs and goals are different. Local elected officials have the freedom to enact ordinances and regulations that best suit the people and neighborhoods they serve.

Legislative Priority: KLC seeks to amend state law to clarify that while municipal governments cannot regulate the professional licensure of a massage parlor, local governmental bodies can enact ordinances and regulations related to the operation of such businesses.

CERS

CERS Statutory Structure:

The legislature passed House Bill 484 in the 2020 session to provide separate governance of the County Employees Retirement System (CERS). The KLC initiative also called for legislation in the 2021 session to create separate statutory structures for benefits that are currently shared by CERS, the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) and the State Police Retirement System (SPRS).

Legislative Priority: Ensure follow-up legislation is enacted to provide an independent statutory structure for CERS benefits while retaining shared statutes for the administration of pension systems under the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA).



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KY COUNCIL OF AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Board Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:00 am, EST, Frankfort KY

AGENDA

1. **Call To Order** **Judge Dan Mosley, Chair**

2. **Introduction of Guest Speakers** **Chair Mosley**
The Honorable Robert Stivers
President, Kentucky Senate

The Honorable David Osborne
Speaker, Kentucky House of Representatives

3. **Approval of November 18, 2020 Minutes** **Chair Mosley**

4. **KCADD Financial Report December 31, 2020** **Mayor Rita Dotson,**
Treasurer

5. **Nominating Committee Report** **Mayor Rita Dotson**

6. **Election of Officers** **Chair Mosley**

7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Community Health Care Connections Update** **Bill Cooper**
 - b. **Administration for Community Living (ACL) Grant** **Tony Wilder**

8. **New Business** **Tony Wilder**
 - a. **Legislative Update**
 - b. **Resolution Re: Transportation Funding**

9. **Executive Director's Report** **Tony Wilder**

10. **Recognition of Past Chairperson** **Chair Elect**

11. **Adjournment** **Chair Elect**

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HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- **Negotiations on Additional COVID-19 Relief Funding Continue**
- **NADO Webinar on EDA Revolving Loan Fund Defederalization Featuring EDA Leadership and Program Staff**
- **Upcoming Rural Wealth Creation Conversations**
- **USDA Hosting Forum on Building Resilience in Agricultural & Food Systems through Innovative and Strategic Partnerships**
- **Webinars on CRRSAA Funding for FTA Section 5310 Programs**
- **Upcoming Brookings Virtual Conference to Discuss Early Impacts of Opportunity Zones**
- **America Walks Accepting Applications for 2021 Walking College Program**
- **New TACL Transportation Coordination Library**
- **2020 Census Geographic Support Products Rollout**
- **Job Announcements**

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Negotiations on Additional COVID-19 Relief Funding Continue

This week, lawmakers continued to negotiate on an additional infusion of COVID-19 relief funding. Two key relief proposals have been brought forward thus far: the Biden

Administration's [American Rescue Plan](#), a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief and stimulus proposal that outlines a robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a recovery plan for the nation's economy; and a \$618 billion GOP counter-proposal brought forward by a group of ten Republican Senators. The Biden stimulus plan proposes **\$3 billion for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)**, \$350 billion in relief funding for state and local governments, \$50 billion in assistance for businesses including \$15 billion in grants for small businesses, \$1400 direct payments to eligible individual Americans, \$400 per week federal unemployment benefits, expanded food assistance, and expanded housing assistance including foreclosure and eviction moratoriums, among many other provisions. In contrast, the [GOP plan](#) includes \$50 billion for small businesses, direct payments of \$1000 to eligible individual Americans, and \$300 per week in federal unemployment benefits, among many other provisions. The GOP plan does not include any funding for EDA or for state and local governments.

The House and Senate both adopted budget resolutions this week, the first step in teeing up the budget reconciliation process, which would allow for expedited consideration of the Biden Administration's relief plan. On Wednesday, the House adopted [H. Con. Res. 11](#), and on Friday morning the Senate adopted [S. Con. Res. 5](#) after an all-night marathon of votes on amendments known as a "vote-a-rama." The House voted again and passed the budget resolution as amended by the Senate this afternoon. This process sets the stage for forthcoming relief legislation to pass under special budget rules with a simple majority in the Senate, rather than the 60 votes typically required. This would open a pathway for the Biden stimulus plan to pass without the minority party's approval in the event that both parties cannot reach an agreement on a compromise. Congressional staff and leadership will be working to put together legislative text for a relief bill over the course of the next two weeks.

NADO NEWS AND NOTES

NADO Webinar on EDA Revolving Loan Fund Defederalization Featuring EDA Leadership and Program Staff

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 16 at 3:30 p.m. E.T.** for a webinar focused on the implementation of the *Reinvigorating Lending for the Future Act (RLF Act)* for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) [Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\)](#) program. During this NADO-hosted webinar, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from EDA leadership and program staff who will provide an overview of the process by which EDA will invite eligible EDA RLF operators to submit a written request asking EDA to release its federal interest in an RLF award. Attendees will have the chance to hear from Craig Buerstette, EDA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs, and Mitchell Harrison, Program Analyst (RLF Coordinator), EDA Performance and National Programs Division. All webinar participants are invited to ask questions during the webinar and are also encouraged to direct questions to their respective EDA Regional Offices. **To register for the webinar**, [click here](#). With questions about this webinar, please contact Mirielle Burgoyne at mburgoyne@nado.org

Upcoming Rural Wealth Creation Conversations

Please join the NADO Research Foundation and WealthWorks partners for a series of rural wealth creation conversations in February and March, covering a variety of topics. Each call will begin with a short general session with discussion on how the meeting topics relate to rural

wealth creation. Attendees will then break into small groups to talk about their own regions, efforts in particular topics and economic sectors, and assets and challenges identified through this work. Come with ideas and questions for your peers or just to meet other practitioners and listen to the conversation. Meetings will occur by Zoom, and pre-registration is required for each event. Call dates and topics include:

- **Feb 16, 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET:** Local Foods, Recreation and Tourism, Entrepreneurship: [Register here](#)
- **Mar 8, 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET:** Broadband, Infrastructure & Services, Regional Planning: [Register here](#)
- **Mar 22, 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET:** Workforce Development, Energy, and Forestry: [Register here](#)

Questions? Contact NADO Associate Director Carrie Kissel at ckissel@nado.org.



USDA Hosting Forum on Building Resilience in Agricultural & Food Systems through Innovative and Strategic Partnerships

On Wednesday, **February 17 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. ET**, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of Partnership and Public Engagement (OPPE), in partnership with Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Mission Area, will be hosting a forum on *Building Resilience in Agricultural & Food Systems through Strategic and Innovate Partnerships*. The forum discussion will highlight how innovative and strategic partnerships between federal, state, local, and private partners support the building of resilience in agricultural and food systems, with a focus on foods systems and disaster recovery. Presenters will include USDA leadership, agriculture industry leaders, and community organizations. This event takes place in conjunction with the [Agricultural Outlook Forum](#), USDA's largest annual gathering that brings together more than 1,500 sector leaders to connect and discuss current and key emerging issues in agriculture. For more information on the forum click [here](#). To register, click [here](#). Please contact Alex Cordova at alex.cordova@usda.gov (OPPE) or Jessica Carlton at Jessica.carlton@usda.gov (FPAC) with any questions.

Webinars on CRRSAA Funding for FTA Section 5310 Programs

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural and Targeted Programs Division Chief, Marianne Stock, and Acting FTA Section 5310 Program Manager, Destiny Buchanan, are featured presenters in two upcoming webinars focused on *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)* funding for transit. A [February 9 webinar](#) is targeted to direct and designated recipients of Section 5310 funding. A [February 11 webinar](#) focuses on Section 5310 subrecipients and Tribal transportation

providers. Both webinars will take place at **2 p.m. ET** and are hosted by the [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center](#).

New Planning Resources on NADO's RDO COVID-19 Resource Center

[The University of California's Institute of Transportation Studies](#) has published a study on the [Future of Public Transit and Shared Mobility: Scenario Planning for COVID-19 Recovery](#). The study includes key takeaways from a scenario planning exercise conducted from June to September 2020 involving 36 transportation experts. Research and lessons learned from demonstration and pilot projects will be critical for crafting policies, identifying all positive and negative outcomes, and shaping actions toward a future transportation system that is more resilient, socially equitable, and environmentally friendly.

Additionally, the [Victoria Transport Policy Institute](#) published a report on [Pandemic-Resilient Community Planning](#). The report investigates ways that communities can increase their resilience to pandemics and other unexpected economic, social or environmental changes. It compares COVID-19 with other health risks, examines various problems caused by pandemic-control interventions, and recommends specific ways that communities can better prepare for, respond to, and recover from pandemics and other shocks.

See the new studies, along with many other COVID-19 resources for Regional Development Organizations, [here](#).

Upcoming Brookings Virtual Conference to Discuss Early Impacts of Opportunity Zones

In an effort to spur economic development in distressed and left-behind communities, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act created more than 8,700 Opportunity Zones across the country and offered favorable capital gains tax treatment to investments in those low-income communities. Although Opportunity Zones are still young, they are already stimulating rigorous research. To share, discuss, and critique that work, the [Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy at Brookings](#) is convening a [free virtual conference](#) on **Wednesday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET**. Ed Glaeser of Harvard will give opening remarks, followed by a presentation from Kenan Fikri of the Economic Innovation Group. There will then be four sessions, organized by topic, each containing several paper presentations and discussant responses. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

OMB Requests Comment on Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Standards

In a [Federal Register Notice](#) published on January 19, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests public comment on the recommendations it has received from the Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area Standards Review Committee for changes to OMB's metropolitan and micropolitan statistical area standards.

Several changes are recommended, but the most significant to NADO members is a recommendation to change the minimum population threshold to be designated as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) be increased from 50,000 to 100,000. Micropolitan statistical areas would be expanded to include areas with a population greater than 10,000 and lower than 100,000.

The committee report also notes that 1,302 counties that are outside the current classification system of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and recommends that research be conducted into a new system that would include all U.S. states and Puerto Rico. The committee recommends counties as the basis for the entire United States, discontinuing New England City and Town Areas, among other recommendations regarding reporting and use of American Communities Survey commuting data to measure intercounty connectivity.

NADO members considering submitting comments may want to check the eligibility and requirements of the various federal grant programs of interest that have a population basis. For example, the 50,000 population threshold for the designation of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) is in current federal surface transportation law, although that law will expire in 2021 and could be changed by Congress in future authorizations. Some grant programs have specific population eligibilities that would not necessarily change if the definition of MSA changed. If a grant program uses MSA as an eligibility criterion, then access to that funding might change if the minimum population threshold to be designated as an MSA did change. [Comments](#) must be submitted by March 19, 2021.

America Walks Accepting Applications for 2021 Walking College Program

Apply by **February 28** for one of 30 slots in the 2021 America Walks [Walking College](#) leadership program. The program is open to anyone in North America who would like to hone their skills and knowledge around creating safe, accessible communities for all people, regardless of age, race, income level or physical ability. Participants are paired with experienced leaders in the field and peers working in similar capacities. Learn the basics of non-motorized transportation design and policy while developing essential leadership skills. College fellows will create an action plan to address a particular problem in their community or region.

Substance Use Disorder Funding Opportunities

Various federal agencies currently have application periods that are open for a variety of funding opportunities related to mitigating and addressing substance use disorders (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD). While Regional Development Organizations (RDOs) are not eligible recipients for many of these programs, they may be relevant to RDOs' partners, or may help to fulfill regional priorities related to health access, workforce development, or broadband for health facilities. Funding opportunities (organized by deadline) include:

- [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment](#): The **Building Communities of Recovery Program** mobilizes resources within and outside of the recovery community to increase long-term recovery support from substance abuse and addiction. These grants are intended to support the development, enhancement, expansion, and delivery of recovery support services (RSS) as well as education about recovery. **Deadline: February 15, 2021**
- [SAMHSA](#): The **Tribal Opioid Response grants** increase access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). Recipients may also address

stimulant misuse and use disorders, including cocaine and methamphetamine.

Deadline: February 16, 2021

- [Department of Justice \(DOJ\), Bureau of Justice Assistance](#): The **Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program** assists state, local, and tribal efforts to break the cycle of addiction. **Deadline: February 19, 2021**
- [DOJ, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#): The **Juvenile Drug Court Treatment Program** provides resources to state, local, and tribal governments to create and enhance juvenile drug treatment court programs for youth in the justice system with substance abuse problems, specifically related to opioid abuse. **Deadline: February 19, 2021**
- [HHS, Bureau of Health Workforce](#): The **Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training Program** expands the number of health and behavioral health professionals trained to provide mental health and SUD/ODU services in underserved community-based settings. **Deadline: February 24, 2021.**
- [HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#): The **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Implementation** is a multi-year initiative and is aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of SUD in high-risk rural communities. **Deadline: March 12, 2021**
- [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\), Universal Service Administrative Company](#): The **Rural Health Care Program** funds eligible healthcare providers in rural areas for telecommunications and broadband services. **Deadline: April 1, 2021**
- [HRSA](#): The **Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Paraprofessionals** develops community-based experiential training to increase the supply of students preparing to become peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals. A special focus is placed on the knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth in high need areas at risk for behavioral health disorders. **Deadline: April 12, 2021**
- [HRSA](#): The **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Psychostimulant Support** advances RCORP’s overall goal by strengthening and expanding prevention, treatment, and recovery services for rural individuals who misuse psychostimulants. **Deadline: April 21, 2021**

In addition to these funding opportunities, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) launched a new workshop series, [Empowering Faith Leaders to Help Persons with Substance Use Disorder](#), which may be of interest to RDOs’ faith community partners. Find these funding and informational opportunities and other resources on ONDCP’s rural-focused web portal: www.ruralcommunitytoolbox.org

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Releases New Toolkit for Rural Communities to Build Their Outdoor Recreation Economies

[Outdoor Recreation Roundtable \(ORR\)](#), working with [Oregon State University’s Outdoor Recreation Economy Initiative](#) and the [National Governors Association Outdoor Recreation Learning Network](#), is helping rural communities build their outdoor recreation economies through a newly developed resource, the [ORR Rural Economic Development Toolkit](#). Outdoor

recreation is a powerful economic force nationally, generating \$788 billion in economic output, comprising 2.1% of U.S. GDP and supporting 5.2 million jobs, and can also be utilized to strengthen individual communities across the country. The toolkit was developed with input from over 60 ORR stakeholders, includes links to resources and videos, and outlines real steps and actions rural communities can take, whether they already have a burgeoning outdoor recreation economy or they're just getting started. Click [here](#) to access the toolkit.

New TACL Transportation Coordination Library

The Transportation Technical Assistance Coordination Library ([TACL](#)) is a new platform for finding public transportation coordination resources (e.g., case studies, guides, training materials, and webinars) available from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and FTA technical assistance centers. Find out more about TACL and how to use the TACL database to inform transportation coordination planning and processes by attending this [webinar](#) on **February 23 at 2 p.m. ET**

Request for Applications for Citizens' Institute on Rural Design Workshops Open through March 12

[The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™](#) is now accepting applications through **March 12** for an opportunity to participate in four local Design Workshops that address specific community challenges, and an online Design Learning Cohort program that will allow up to 15 communities. All rural communities of 50,000 or less are eligible to apply for the CIRD local Design Workshop and Design Learning Cohort opportunities. Workshops should plan to follow local health safety guidelines and virtual workshop options are available. CIRD encourages applications from nonprofits, tribal or municipal governments, regional planning organizations, and other community partners. An [informational webinar](#) will be held on **February 9**. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Cybersecurity 101 Webinar

The [National Rural Transit Assistance Program](#) (National RTAP) is hosting a [Cybersecurity 101 webinar](#) on **February 11 at 2 p.m. ET**. The webinar will include an overview of cybercrime and ways to protect your organization. A second webinar that focuses on transit-specific data security concerns will be scheduled later in the spring.

Inclusive Transportation Planning Website Available

[Transit Planning 4 All's \(TP4A\) new and improved website is now live!](#) The site serves as the destination for all things related to inclusive transportation planning. Explore TP4A grantees and their work furthering inclusiveness, access inclusive transportation planning resources like webinars, briefs, news & toolkits, and stay up-to-date on TP4A project developments. Of note is TP4A's updated [Inclusive Planning Guide](#). The guide is a brief step-by-step introduction to the inclusive planning process which users can explore at their own pace, built from the knowledge and experience gained from TP4A's sponsored local projects. TP4A is a joint project of the Community Transportation Association of America, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and other partners, with funding support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living.

U.S. Department of Transportation Releases Automated Vehicle Strategic Plan

U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) released an [Automated Vehicles Strategic Plan](#) this month that identifies the department's goals related to automated surface transportation technologies and key actions U.S. DOT is taking to enable and oversee the safety of the integration of automated driving systems (ADS). Goals include stakeholder transparency and collaboration, modernizing the regulatory environment, and preparing the transportation system. The plan also discusses automated vehicle research and current ADS activities.

Upcoming Webinar to Highlight Data and Broadband Planning

Join [BroadbandUSA](#) on **February 17 at 2 p.m. ET** for the [webinar](#) "Data as the Foundation for Broadband Planning." The federal government compiles huge broadband datasets cataloging broadband availability and subscriptions through the U.S. Census Bureau and Federal Communications Commission, among others. These can be augmented with commercially available speed test data to provide better insight into broadband access and availability. Through this webinar, gain a fuller understanding of these datasets and how to use data to strengthen your broadband planning efforts. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

2020 Census Geographic Support Products Rollout

The Census Bureau released geographic support products this week for Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin as part of its data rollout occurring between January 28 – February 28. All states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are included in the data. The data contain newly created 2020 Census blocks and updated block groups, census tracts, voting districts, and current boundaries for legal governments and school districts referenced to Jan. 1, 2020. For the rollout schedule, visit the [U.S Census Bureau website](#).

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alamo Area Council of Governments Seeks Chief Financial Officer

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) in San Antonio, Texas is seeking a Chief Financial Officer. The essential responsibilities of this position include ensuring financial transactions, policies, and procedures meet short and long-term objectives and requirements; developing long-range budgets and fiscal policies as well as making adjustments for changes in programs and priorities; reviewing economic trend analysis and other financial markets to keep the senior management team apprised of significant conditions; and overseeing internal audit functions. A master's degree in accounting or finance with a minimum of three to five years of experience in policy administration and management works as a certified public accountant (CPA), and a preference of two years of experience working in a governmental agency is desired. The position will be open until filled. For more information on this position and the necessary qualifications, click [here](#).

EDA Seeks a Regional Director for Seattle Regional Office

The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) is seeking a Regional Director (RD) for its Seattle Regional Office. The RD is a Senior Executive Service (SES) position and proactively manages efforts of regional office staff to ensure EDA investment

priorities are comprehensively incorporated into investment development and evaluation within a major geographical region encompassing several states. For more information on this position and to apply, click [here](#).

Missouri City, Texas Seeks Director of Economic Development

The City of Missouri City, Texas is seeking a Director of Economic Development. Missouri City has a population of over 74,000 and is situated 20 miles southwest of Houston, Texas. The Economic Development Director will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the city's economic development department and administering the city's economic development program which includes prospect development, industry contacts, and negotiation with industry representatives to encourage business development in Missouri City. Qualified applicants must have a bachelor's degree in economics, business administration, marketing, or a closely related field and a minimum of four years related professional experience is required. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to resumes@affionpublic.com, reference: MCDED. The deadline to apply is **March 1, 2021**. For more information on this position and necessary qualifications, click [here](#).

Isothermal Regional Commission Seeks Executive Director

The Isothermal Regional Commission – a regional economic and community development and human services Commission (Council of Governments) – is seeking an innovative, energetic, seasoned professional to serve as its next Executive Director. The Commission is headquartered in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and serves Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, and Cleveland Counties as well as 34 municipalities in those counties. The Commission is seeking a candidate with outstanding leadership, management, analytical, and communication skills. For more information about the position, Isothermal Regional Commission, and how to apply, please visit www.regionc.org/about/employment-opportunities/. The position is open until filled with first review commencing on **March 1, 2021**.

Isothermal Regional Commission is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All aspects of employment, including the decision to hire, promote, discipline or discharge, will be based on merit, competence, performance, and organizational needs.

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Pennyriple ADD Board of Directors

A Recap of January's Monthly Board Meeting

The PeADD Board of Directors held their monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. CT. Federal, State and staff reports were provided. The FY'20 Audit Report was presented by Ms. Jaime Peterson, Calhoun & Company, PLLC and Pennyriple ADD received a clean audit report. The FY'21 Budget Amendments were presented by PADD Treasurer, Ms. Crissy Carter. Both the FY'20 Audit Report and FY'12 Budget Amendments were approved

by the Board of Directors as presented.

PADD Executive Director, Mr. Jason Vincent, reported the 2021 Local Officials Directory will be available in February on the PADD website; PADD is working with the Finance Cabinet in Frankfort to identify a building to serve as a vaccination site within the PADD District; and Mr. Vincent recognized Ms. Amanda Stokes, Aging Planner/ In-Home Services Coordinator, who is celebrating fifteen (15) years of service this month.



Community & Economic Development

Grant Funding Opportunities Available

The application period will open soon for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Program, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management Grants Program, and Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funds under these programs.

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas and passive parks. The minimum request is \$25,000 and the maximum is \$250,000. The LWCF is a 50/50 matching reimbursement program. **Applications are due by May 31, 2021.**

The **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. It can be used

to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. The RTP benefits communities and enhances quality of life. All trails that receive money under this program must remain open to the public and maintained for perpetuity. The minimum request under this program is \$25,000 and the maximum is \$250,000. The RTP is an 80/20 matching reimbursement program. **Applications are due by May 31, 2021.**

The **Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management Grants Program** is funded by the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The funds are to develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste and provide recycling and HHW public education programs. Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government or to other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including school districts, shall be eligible to apply. The grant is a 75/25 match grant. **Applications are due by April 1, 2021.**

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The **FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)** program is a nationally competitive grant opportunity for local fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies that are not affiliated with a hospital. Eligible activities for the grant program include purchasing firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, training, modifications to facilities (non-construction), wellness/fitness activities, firefighting/EMS vehicles, and driver training. Applicants are required to be registered in SAM to be eligible to receive award. All potential applicants are advised to start this registration process as soon as possible. Registration for SAM can be found at <https://Sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>. **The application period for AFG opens on January 4 until February 12, 2021.**

Interested parties may contact Angie Crawford or Jared Nelson at the PADD office at (270) 886-9484 for application information.

\$38 Million Available for Utility Assistance

On January 25, Governor Andy Beshear announced up to \$38 million is available to local governments to help Kentuckians with overdue utility bills in their jurisdiction. Each unit of local government may request up to \$200,000 for assistance in their communities.

The Department for Local Government (DLG) will administer the funding from the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) program established by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

To apply, local governments must submit an application to DLG. If approved, local governments must then partner with a community action agency to assist with funding administration. That agency will be the Pennyriple Allied Community Services (PACS) for the Pennyriple region. The Pennyriple Area Development District staff will be available to assist Pennyriple units of local government, and PACS, with their applications and administering funds.

Households are eligible for up to \$250 per month for six consecutive months if:

- They live in a city or county approved for funding;
- Have been financially impacted by COVID-19;
- Are struggling to pay water, sewer, electric, gas or other heating and cooling bills; and
- Have received notice for disconnect or been in arrears between January 21, 2020, and present day.

Once a household's application is approved, PACS will transfer funds directly to a utility provider on their behalf.

Individuals that need assistance must contact PACS. A list of those contacts may be obtained by calling 270-886-9484 or by visiting www.pacs-ky.org.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Jason Vincent or Amy Frogue at 270-886-9484 or email: jason.vincent@ky.gov or amy.frogue@ky.gov.

West Kentucky Workforce

If your business provides humanitarian aid and/or recovery assistance during the pandemic, the Employment Recovery program can assist you with your staffing needs. Non-profit agencies and local governments are eligible for this program as well. The Employment Recovery program can assist with covering wages and workers compensation for eligible participants. Contact West Kentucky Workforce staff at 270-886-9484 for more information or visit the WKWB website at <https://wkworkforce.work/employment-recovery>.

EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY

DOES YOUR BUSINESS PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID?	West KY Workforce can help!
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Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living

Pennyrile Area's Aging and Disability Resource Center

The Pennyrile Area's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a fully operational, "no wrong door" approach to accessing aging and disability resources and services in the nine county Pennyrile region. The ADRC can provide assistance to individuals and their families by connecting them with services and programs offered through the Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living (Pennyrile AAAIL). It can also link individuals to other resources and services *outside* of the Pennyrile AAAIL including, but not limited to the following: Transportation Services, SHIP Counseling, KY Legal Aid, Medicaid, and Veteran Benefits.

Currently, due to COVID-19, the ADRC can help link an individual who is 60 years of age or older with a hot meal delivered Monday-Friday from our Senior Centers. If the individual is unable to pick up the free meal at their local Senior Center, the meal can be delivered to them. If anyone is interested in learning more about Home Delivered Meals, or other services, they can contact the ADRC Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00AM-4:30 p.m. by calling 270-886-9484. We will be more than happy to help!

National Family Caregiver Program

The National Family Caregiver program serves caregivers in various situations through reimbursement for respite services and indirect supplemental assistance. The program serves caregivers caring for persons 60 years of age and

older that must rely on others to meet their daily needs, and older adults age 55 and over caring for a related child in the absence of their parents. In addition, the program facilitates support groups for caregivers in the region. These sessions provide valuable information, and an opportunity to share and be heard. *

**Due to COVID-19 precautions, (in-person) support groups are temporarily suspended. We want to take every precaution to ensure everyone's safety. Support groups will meet via phone for those who are interested. Please follow up with Belinda Babb if you are interested via phone.*

We also participate in a quarterly Caregiving Telemed Program. The next upcoming program will be held via Zoom in April 2021. Registration is required through Tyler McRoberts at 859-257-6507.

If you would like more information, please contact Belinda Babb, Family Caregiver Coordinator at Pennyrile Area Development District by calling 270-886-9484.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

Beginning April 1, 2021, all participants and their paid PDS employees will be required to use the Electronic Visit Verification application developed by Tellus. This software will be used to electronically verify six aspects of the service delivery, allows for billing within the same system, reduction in potential Medicaid fraud, and will eliminate the need for hard copy timesheets. If you have any questions about EVV/Tellus please direct those to Payton Kidd at 270-886-9484 or via email at payton.t.kidd@ky.gov.

PADD Welcomes New Employee

PADD welcomed new employee, Jackie Miles, Accounting Clerk, on January 20, 2021. Jackie has a Bachelor's of Accounting Degree from Lindsey Wilson College and a Master's of Accounting and Financial Management Degree from Devry University Keller School of Management. She has three sons who are very active in sports. Jackie previously worked as a Staff Accountant for Four River Behavioral Health and as the Treasurer of the Webster County Board of Education. Her responsibilities at PADD include

assisting in timely preparation of requests for drawdown of grant funds, posting financial transactions, checking for accuracy in reports, figures and postings, using spreadsheets and specific grant software, and producing a variety of grant reports/budgets. **Welcome Jackie!**



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