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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Community Development Funding Available for Cities and Counties

The Kentucky Department for Local Government has announced that the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program is now open. A summary of the program requirements and funding categories is attached for your reference. In addition to Kentucky's regular 2020 CDBG Allocation, the state will be receiving an additional \$15.6 million as a result of the CARES Act (see article below) to distribute through these funding categories. If you are interested in developing a project application for submission, please contact Angie Crawford, Jared Nelson, Kyle Cunningham or myself and we'll be glad to help you get started!

All activities funded under the CDBG Program must meet at least one of the following three National Objectives identified in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended in 1983, 1987, and 19192, hereafter referred to as the Act, (Section 104(b)(3)), and regulations contained in the 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 570.483:

1. Benefit to low and moderate income persons
2. Prevention or elimination of slums or blight
3. Meeting community development needs having a particular urgency

Allocation of 2020 Funds

\$24,550,336

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>Total Dollars Available</u>
Economic Development	\$ 5,532,783
Public Facilities	\$ 7,732,782
Housing	\$ 2,900,000
Community Projects	\$ 5,284,771
Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)	\$ TBD based on need
Public Services (Recovery Kentucky)	\$ 3,100,000

Each jurisdiction must choose whether to submit a Public Facilities, Housing, or Community Projects application. Only one application may be submitted per year for the previously listed areas. A jurisdiction is not limited to the number of applications in the CERF and Economic Development program areas.

Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2020-August 3, 2020 for Community Projects and Public Facilities. The deadline for Housing, Economic Development, CERF and Public Services will be February 28, 2021.

For more information regarding the CDBG Program, please contact Amy Frogue, Angie Crawford, Jared Nelson, or Kyle Cunningham at (270) 886-9484.

SBA Low-Interest Federal Disaster Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering Kentucky and other designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19. All counties in Kentucky are eligible for assistance. SBA is encouraging all small businesses affected by the disaster to apply; eligible entities include but are not limited to restaurants, retailers, gift shops, motels and hotels, service-based companies, recreational facilities, manufacturers, sports vendors, owners of rental property, travel agencies, and wholesalers that have a physical presence in the disaster area. Eligible applicants can apply for loans up to \$2 million; interest rates for the loans under this disaster are 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for nonprofit organizations, with terms up to 30 years at a fixed rate. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits or for expansion. Applicants can apply online via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. For more information regarding this loan program, please contact Amy Frogue at the PADD Office at 270-886-9484 or via email at amy.frogue@ky.gov.

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Funding Available for First Responders Fighting COVID-19



The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet has announced approximately \$9 million in USDOJ Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) Program funds available to local public safety agencies and local governments. Allowable program expenses can include overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical equipment and personal protective equipment), supplies, training, travel (to distribute supplies), new hires and overtime pay exclusively related to COVID-19 response, and to address the medical needs of those in confined criminal justice settings. The application period opens May 1, 2020 and will remain open until all funds have been awarded; the federal funding opportunity closes May 29, 2020. Applications must be submitted online through the USDOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance page at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553>.

Similarly, FEMA has released the availability of \$100 million in funding for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S). This program will help provide personal protective equipment to firefighters and first responders who are managing emergencies during the Coronavirus pandemic. The application period will open April 28, 2020 and close on Friday, May 15, 2020. Applications must be submitted online through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program's FEMA GO portal: <https://go.fema.gov>.

If you would like application assistance for these programs, please contact Angie Crawford (angela.crawford@ky.gov) or Jared Nelson (jared.nelson@ky.gov) at 270-886-9484.



2020 Delta Regional Authority (DRA) States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)

The DRA federal funding program is only available to participating member states, local governments (city and county), public bodies, and non-profit entities. Private/For-Profit entities are NOT eligible for DRA funding.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate how a project meets at least one Federal Priority Eligibility Criteria and one DRA Regional Development Plan Goal and must assure sustainability of the project after DRA funding.

Eligible Activities

1. Basic Public Infrastructure – water and wastewater facilities, electric and gas utilities, broadband delivery and solid waste landfills, all of which are fundamental services necessary to sustain and promote growth and/or attract business.
2. Transportation Infrastructure – roadways, bridges, rail, port facilities, and airports and other structures deemed central to an overall transportation system.
3. Business Development – emphasis on entrepreneurship, business creation, business retention, and business expansion.
4. Workforce Development – job training or employment related education with an emphasis on the use of existing public institutions located in the region; registered apprenticeship.

2020 Allocation and Application Requirements

Kentucky SEDAP Allocation - \$1,316,270.21

Community Infrastructure Fund - \$15,000,000 (allocation for eight state DRA region)

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Local Development District (Pennyriple Area Development District) for review between March 2 and extended to June 28, 2020. Projects that rank as a Tier 1 (has Participation Agreement for jobs, regional impact, and leverages other funds) will be considered as they are submitted. For more information regarding the DRA Program, please contact Amy Frogue, Angie Crawford or Jared Nelson at (270) 886-9484.

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Congregate and Home Delivered Meals Update

On March 16, 2020, the 9 senior centers in the Pennyriple Region were temporarily closed and alternate service delivery methods were implemented. "Drive thru" meals were made available for the congregated clients. These measures were in effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

State and federally funded home delivered meals continue to be provided and an additional 435 individuals received home delivered meals based on additional federal funding related to COVID-19.

From March 23, 2020 to April 24, 2020, clients in the Pennyriple Region were provided with over 20,000 hot meals. Individuals age 60 and over who are in need of a hot meal should call the Pennyriple Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396.

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Long-Term Care Ombudsman are resident advocates who protect and promote the rights of residents in long-term care facilities and work to resolve complaints.

**For more in on COVID19
KY COVID Hotline
(800) 722-5725
<http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov>**

**Your local PENNYRILE
District
Ombudsman is
Cindy Tabor
1-800-928-7233
or
cindy.tabor@ky.gov
270-886-9484**



Medicare Beneficiaries!

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

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

RELIEF FOR WORKERS AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS ACT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO ABOUT THE CARES ACT



Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides payment to workers not traditionally eligible for unemployment benefits (self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history, and others) who are unable to work as a direct result of the coronavirus public health emergency.

COVID-19 SCENARIOS	COVERED	NOT COVERED
Diagnosed with COVID-19 or with COVID-19 symptoms and seeking diagnosis	✓	
Member of household has been diagnosed with COVID-19	✓	
Providing care for family or household member diagnosed with COVID-19	✓	
Primary caregiver for child unable to attend school or another facility closed due to COVID-19	✓	
Unable to reach place of employment due to an imposed quarantine or because advised by medical provider to self-quarantine due to COVID-19	✓	
Scheduled to commence new employment and cannot reach workplace as direct result of COVID-19	✓	
Became major breadwinner because head of household died from COVID-19	✓	
Place of employment closed as a direct result of COVID-19	✓	
Self-employed/Independent Contractors/1099 filers/Limited Wages – and affected by COVID-19	✓	
Seeking part-time employment but affected by COVID-19	✓	
With insufficient work history and affected by COVID-19 with most recent employer	✓	
Otherwise not qualified for regular or extended UI benefits and affected by COVID-19	✓	
Individuals that can telework with pay		X
Individual receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits (regardless of meeting a category listed above)		X
Quit job despite employer social distancing accommodations		X
Fired from current employer		X
Committed UI Fraud in the last 10 years		X

**Additional COVID-19 Resources can be found at online
at <http://wkworkforce.org/>**



Older Americans Month 2020: Make Your Mark

Around the nation, older adults make their marks every day as volunteers, employees, employers, parents, grandparents, mentors, and advocates. They offer their time, talents, and experience to the benefit of our communities. For 57 years, Older Americans Month (OAM) has been a special time to recognize these contributions.

This year's OAM theme, *Make Your Mark*, highlights older adults' unique and lasting contributions to their communities—everything from sharing a story with grandchildren to leaving a legacy of community action. In the spirit of this theme, here are a few ways to make your mark this May and all year long:

Volunteer your time. Local schools, shelters, food kitchens, and hospitals always need support. Help a neighbor by prepping a meal, picking up groceries, or giving them a ride. Or, take time to pass on your knowledge. Why not tutor a student who could use extra help in math, music, or science?

Share your story. There are so many ways to do this, from showing your grandkids around your old neighborhood to writing a book. Take a class and learn how to express yourself with the arts! Or, assemble a photo album of important moments in your life.

Get involved in your neighborhood. Join a homeowner or resident association, organize a block party, or sign up for a book club or other social group. Have a green thumb? Small projects like planting flowers in your yard or cleaning up the community park have a big impact.

Communities that support and include all their members are stronger! Please join Pennyrile Aging and Independent Living as we celebrate Older Americans Month in our communities!

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