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May is Older Americans Month

Every May we observe Older Americans Month (OAM) with special activities/events planned at all nine of the senior centers in the Pennyrile Region. May 2022 OAM's theme is *Age My Way* and focuses on aging in place. Emphasis is on individual needs and unique preferences in order for older adults to stay in their homes and live independently in our communities. Planning, accessibility, participation, and making connections are all key factors in aging in place.

Local activities include bingo, cakewalk, cookouts, ice cream, exercises classes and so much more. Please check with your local senior center for OAM celebration schedule.

Home & Community Based Waiver (Participant Directed Services / Traditional)

Pennyrile AAAIL currently offers both options of the Home and Community Based Waiver including the Participant Directed Services (PDS) option as well as the Traditional option. These programs are geared at helping individuals of all ages with disabilities remain in their own home and avoiding nursing facility placement.

Approval into the HCB Waiver Program is not guaranteed and is determined by the Department of Medicaid Services. Case managers work with the client and/or representative to identify areas of need and develop an individualized plan of care. Services can include attendant care, non-specialized respite, goods & services, and financial assistance with home modifications (that promotes independence). Pennyrile AAAIL provides case management services for 250 participants.

If you know of an individual that may benefit from these services, please have them contact our Pennyrile Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396.

Community & Economic Development

Pennyrile Communities Awarded Recreation Funding

The Department of Local Government announced funding awards for four Land and Water Conservation projects in the Pennyrile area this month.

- City of Crofton - $50,000 for improvements to the ballfield lighting at Gordon Park.
- Christian County Fiscal Court - $142,500 for the construction of a new restroom/concession facility, replacement of playground equipment and resurface of parking lot at Ruff Park.
- City of Dawson Springs - $100,000 for improvements at the City park to include playground equipment, ballfield improvements, along with the addition of fencing, lighting and bleachers.
- City of Elkton - $123,000 for lighting improvements at the ballfields and new playground equipment.

Congratulations to these communities in the Pennyrile!

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Community & Economic Development Continued

Homeland Security Grants

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is now accepting applications through May 31, 2022.

The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) assists states to build, sustain, and deliver capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. City and County governments, area development districts, taxing districts, and school districts can apply for items in the following identified National Priority Areas and Enduring Security Needs:

National Priority Areas

1. Combating Domestic Violent Extremism
2. Enhancing Cybersecurity
3. Enhancing Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded
4. Places
5. Enhancing Community Preparedness &
6. Resilience (New)
7. Enhancing Election Security (New)

Enduring Security Needs

1. Communications & Emergency Medical Equipment
2. Exercises & Training

There are several mandatory requirements that must be met to participate in the program. If you have an interest in applying, please contact Angie Crawford or Jared Nelson at the PADD office (270-886-9484 or 1-800-928-7233).

KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
READY AND PREPARED

Now Accepting Applications for the Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant program is an annual federal funding opportunity that is available to cities and counties through the Department for Local Government. The Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program maximizes efficiency in program delivery and effectiveness of federal dollars for the following community and economic development goals:

- To improve local economies and the economic well-being of the people of Kentucky while protecting the environment.
- To provide public facilities to eliminate conditions which are detrimental to the public health and safety and which thus detract from further community development, or which are necessary to meet other essential community needs.
- To improve the condition of housing and expand fair housing opportunities especially for persons of low and moderate income (LMI).
- To improve the quality of life through funding community projects requested by individual communities to enhance community pride and involvement, and perpetuate local identity.
- To improve the lives of citizens by helping them overcome chemical addictions and avoid the risk of homelessness.
- To assure that not less than 70% of the total amount of CDBG funds received shall be used for support of activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income.

Allocation of 2022 Funds	**$26,517,813**
Program Area	Total Dollars Available
Economic Development	$ 5,532,783
Public Facilities	$ 8,834,662
Housing	$ 3,282,998
Community Projects	$ 6,067,370
Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)	$ TBD based on need
Public Services (Recovery Kentucky)	$ 2,800,000

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, 2022-September 1, 2022 for Community Projects and Public Facilities. The deadline for Housing, Economic Development, CERF and Public Services will be January 31, 2023.

For more information regarding the CDBG Program, please contact Amy Frogue, Angie Crawford, Jared Nelson, or Kyle Cunningham at (270) 886-9484 or at 1-800-928-7233.

West Kentucky Workforce

Madisonville Expungement Event

Around 200 individuals made their way to the Madisonville Expungement Event on April 26, from 1:30-4:30. It was an impressive turnout, as the majority of individuals who attended were seeking expungement and a way back into the workforce. Second chance employers and agencies who provide supportive services were on-site, in addition to local attorneys who volunteered their time to speak to individuals about next steps. Background checks were also provided for individuals seeking employment.

A line of individuals were waiting outside the venue before the doors opened, for a chance to be the first 100 folks from Hopkins County whose fees for filing the expungement were waived, thanks to the City of Madisonville, Hopkins County Law Library, and Hopkins County Bar Association. Individuals came from surrounding counties to attend this event, and it is anticipated that additional expungement events will be happening in the Western Kentucky area.

Partners who came together to put on this event include: Kentucky Department of Corrections, Western Kentucky Reentry Council, Commonwealth of Kentucky Court of Justice, Hopkins County Bar Association, Hopkins County Attorney's Office—Child Support Unit, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office- 4th Judicial Circuit, Kentucky Legal Aid, Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation, and West Kentucky Workforce Board.

New Hire in Workforce

David Pool has been named the Workforce Skills Specialist for the McCracken County Drug Court through the West Kentucky Workforce Board. Mr. Pool will work with Career Coaches located in the Kentucky Career Center and the drug court providing valuable career opportunities, training, and supportive services, through cultivating second-chance job opportunities. Pool will also be asking regional businesses to commit to provide a supportive environment for employees in recovery and thus increasing recovering individuals' opportunities for work-based training and/or jobs.

Trigg County Job Fair

Along with the Trigg County Chamber, the West Kentucky Workforce Board hosted a Job Fair for the students of Trigg County High School students (from 9 am - 11 am) and the Public (from 11 am to 2 pm) on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at The Way in Cadiz, KY. Thirty employers were on-site to eagerly promote the jobs they had available. Trigg County Schools had 225 students to attend the event and around 75 individuals from the public stopped by to learn about employment opportunities available in the area.

Jobs Fest 2022

On Thursday, April 28, 2022 a job fair sponsored by South Western Kentucky EDC and the West Kentucky Workforce Board was held at Hopkinsville's Sportsplex, that was specifically tailored for high school seniors in Christian, Todd and Trigg counties not seeking college or the military after graduation. With 28 employers present discussing high demand and high wage jobs with the students, the 135 students were provided a wealth of knowledge regarding employment opportunities in the area. Several job offers were reported to have been made on the spot.

PeADD Monthly Meetings - May 2022

Meeting	Date	Time (CT)	Location
Pennyrile Area Development District Board of Directors Meeting	May 9, 2022	12 Noon	PADD Office & Zoom
Alzheimer's Support Group	May 10, 2022	10 AM	PADD Office & Zoom
Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living and Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council, Staff & Volunteer Training	May 11, 2022	9 AM	Lake Barkley Convention Center, Cadiz, KY
Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group	May 18, 2022	10 AM	PADD Office & Zoom
Tri-County Elder Abuse Council Meeting	May 18, 2022	12 Noon	Virtual via Zoom
Pennyrile Elder Abuse Board of Director's Meeting	May 18, 2022	1 PM	Virtual via Zoom
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	May 24, 2022	10 AM	Virtual via Zoom

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