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# ANNUAL REPORT



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# MISSION STATEMENT

The Kentucky River ADD will serve as an effective leader in networking with all appropriate groups and agencies, to improve the quality of life for the District. The agency will strive to provide professional assistance, leadership, and planning, for the development of services, utilizing to the fullest potential all available resources.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS



We began the fiscal year 2023 excited about new goals and aspirations for our communities. Then on July 28, 2022, our region experienced historical flooding that left the majority of our counties devastated. More than forty of our citizens lost their lives and thousands of families lost their homes. In addition, millions of dollars of infrastructure were damaged.

The resiliency of Eastern Kentucky was once again put on display, as neighbors began to help neighbors in the immediate aftermath. The region also received an outpouring of support and resources from State and Federal agencies, along with volunteers from across the country. In the last year, the despair that followed in the flood aftermath has transformed into hope. With record amount of Federal funding available to our region for disaster recovery, KRADD and our local governments have developed plans and goals to build back better than before. As we move into the next fiscal year, our goal is to construct new homes out of the flood plain, improve our infrastructure, and bring more economic opportunities to the region. KRADD staff never fail to accomplish our goals and mission. For that, I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors for always being supportive of our communities' and staff's needs.

# ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Ms. Michelle Allen  
Executive Director

Ms. Kimberly Coomer  
Associate Director of Finance

Ms. Stacie Noble Associate  
Associate Director of Human Services

Ms. Jennifer McIntosh Associate  
Associate Director of Community & Economic  
Development

# BOARD CHAIR

Letcher County - Mr. Fred Hall

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# CATASTROPHIC FLOOD DEVASTATES EASTERN KENTUCKY REGION

July 28th, 2022 our region experienced catastrophic flooding.

Nine thousand homes and one hundred and twenty businesses were damaged or destroyed. Numerous lives were taken. With all the devastation, KRADD has been working to assist the communities. Our efforts include donations and working daily with local leaders. KRADD wants to ensure that after all the devastation, our region will be better than before.



## COMMISSIONER VISITS CLIENT HOMES IN KNOTT

During July 2022 the KY River Area was faced with flooding that affected many of our senior citizens. Some counties were affected more than others. In August 2022, Department for Aging & Independent Living Commissioner Victoria Eldridge along with Deputy Commissioner Lala Williams came to the KY River Area to visit Knott County. While in the region, they helped to take out meals to seniors who were in need with Knott County Senior Center staff.



## FEMA DISASTER APPLICATIONS



KRADD staff, RCAP and QK4 assisted residents in completing online FEMA Disaster applications for assistance in Breathitt, Knott, Letcher and Perry Counties after the July flooding event.

## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS FLOODED IN KENTUCKY RIVER



The Knott County Senior Citizens Center was flooded during the July 2022 flood. With many seniors being affected by the flood, the Senior Citizens Center began offering drive-up meal services in the Knott County Area. KRADD staff, along with a variety of community partners, have worked throughout FY 23 to secure funding to build a new Senior Citizens Center in Knott County.

## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER IN LETCHER REOPENED FOR IN PERSON SERVICES



The Letcher County Senior Citizens reopened for in-person services on May 1, 2023 at CANES Kitchen in Whitesburg, Kentucky. The flooding in July 2022 affected the Letcher County Senior Center site so a new location had to be obtained. Senior Citizens in Letcher are excited about the new location at CANES Kitchen.

# COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Community and Economic Development Department staff provide assistance to all units of local government in the KRADD region in the project development and planning process. The process includes taking a concept through the planning process to include project development, finding the right funding scenario, writing grant and loan applications, conducting environmental reviews, technical assistance, and providing the needed project management services.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

28 AMLER Applications submitted - \$46,322,802

9 ARC Power Submitted - \$4,956,040

12 Homeland Security submitted - \$1,185,867

1 ARC Inspire submitted - \$625,000

6 AARPs submitted - \$63,102 1 Approved

5 CMRS Applications submitted - \$757,003.34

2 AFG Applications submitted - \$1,525,717

8 LWCF/RTP submitted - \$1,208,194

46 ARC submitted - \$46,629,256

14 USDA RD Community Facilities - \$869,961

awarded \$21,018,146.50 in grants during the fiscal year.

Currently administering 88 grants totaling \$91,745,347

## **DISASTER CERTIFIED COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC STAFF**



The Community and Economic Development Staff passed the test and each staff member received the certificate for CDBG Disaster Recovery.

## **CDBG CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES**



Five employees attended the CDBG Certification Class and passed the test. They are now certified to administer Community Development Block Grants. We now have thirteen employees in total that are certified! Help us in congratulating our staff for their hard work and dedication in wanting to better aid our region.

# LEADER PRACTITIONER COURSE TRAINING HOSTED BY SAINT BERNARDS PROJECT (SBP)

Disaster Coordinator Jessica Epperson and Infrastructure Coordinator Lisa Napier attended the Leader Practitioner Course training hosted by Saint Bernards Project (SBP) in Savannah Georgia. During the training, they learned about CDBG-DR, leadership in disaster recovery, and much more. It was an amazing opportunity that was informative.



# CITY OF JENKINS DAM FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNING



KRADD attended the grant agreement signing and briefing for the City of Jenkins Dam Flood Risk Reduction project. Community and Economic Development Coordinator Leah Fugate worked with Kentucky Emergency Management staff member Stacy Smith on the application that will increase the capacity of the lake and make essential repairs. Pictured are Leah Fugate from KRADD, Stacy Smith from Kentucky Emergency Management, Mayor Todd DePriest, and Jennifer McIntosh from KRADD.

## HINDMAN WATER PROJECT



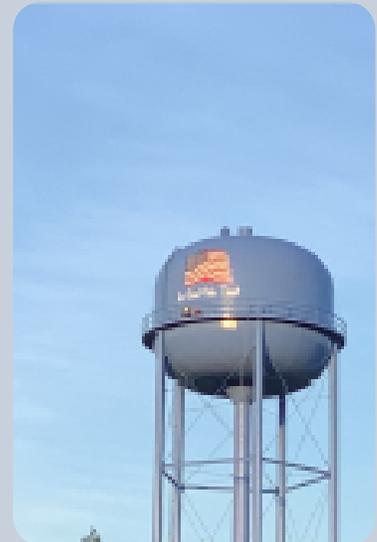
The Hindman Waterline Extensions project was funded by a \$625,192 CDBG grant and \$600,000 ARC grant to provide service to 102 households. The project constructed a total of 21,949 linear feet of new waterline and installed a new pump station.



## CAMPTON TANK PROJECT



This project replaced the existing Pine Ridge water tank with a new 300,000-gallon elevated water tank to increase storage capacity. The project also installed one new pump station and replaced one existing pump station as well as provided new water service to 19 households.



# HINDMAN SEWER PROJECT



This project renovated the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and seven lift stations for the City of Hindman serving 460 residential customers and 60 businesses. This project was funded by a \$2,175,000 ARC grant.



# AREA AGENCY ON AGING & INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Aging Programs offered in the KY River Region include: Title III B, D & E services, Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program, Title III C1 & C2 (Congregate and Home Delivered Meals), Homecare Services for individuals over age 60, Family Caregiver Program for individuals caring for a 60+ individual or an individual age 55 or older caring for a grandchild under age 18, and Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services to assist nursing home residents and their families

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

137,207 Meals Served to Seniors aged 60 or Older

498 Visits Made by the LTC Ombudsman

412 Participant Directed Service Clients Assisted

1,601 Calls to assist individuals in the region were completed by the Aging & Disability Resource Center staff

643 Clients assisted through the Senior Health Insurance Program

60 Caregivers Assisted through the National Family Caregiver Program for age 60+ individuals with Respite

27 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren were assisted through the National Family Caregiver Program

26 Individuals provided on-the-job training through the Senior Service Employment Program within the KY River, Big Sandy, and Buffalo Trace Areas.

427 employees for our PDS clients

## **KY RIVER HUNGER COUNCIL HOLDS HUNGER CONFERENCE**

The Kentucky River Hunger Council held its annual Kentucky River Hunger Conference in October 2022. This year there were over 100 in attendance at the virtual training. A variety of topics were provided to area professionals on ways to assist senior citizens with food opportunities, education, and services. This is one of the Kentucky River Hunger Council's initiatives to provide necessary training in the community.

## **GOLDEN YEARS PERSONAL CARE HOME EVENTS**

Each year KRADD staff does a Christmas event for residents of the Golden Years Personal Care Home. The event is coordinated each year by the Kentucky River Long Term Care Ombudsman Sheila Cornett. The event consists of taking gifts and Christmas dinner to all residents one week before Christmas. KRADD staff donated the gifts. Many of the residents at this facility have no one else and get very little at Christmas. KRADD staff look forward to spreading Christmas cheer each year with this event. This year KRADD staff also did an Easter Event for residents. KRADD staff coordinated getting items to do an Easter Basket for each resident in April 2022. Residents were very thankful and happy with their treats.



# SENIOR GAMES “BIG DAY” HELD FOR FIRST TIME SINCE PANDEMIC IN KENTUCKY RIVER REGION



During FY 23, the Kentucky River Area Development District held the Senior Games “Big Day” for senior citizens for the first time since the pandemic. Participants from all area senior citizens, nursing home residents, and Therapeutic Rehabilitation Centers were in attendance. It was a fun day for those in attendance to compete in games, visit a mini-health fair, and have lunch. Community partners, KRADD staff, AEP/KY Power staff, and local volunteers made the event possible. The sponsor for this year's event was AEP/KY Power.



## THURSDAY NIGHT OUT MEALS



*Dedra Brandenburg, Beattyville Tourism, and Teresa Mays, City of Beattyville handing out Senior Thursday Night meals at the Lee Co Farmer's Market.*



*Breathitt Senior Citizens doing activities during Thursday Night out at the Breathitt Senior Center*

During FY 23, the Kentucky River Aging Programs offered Thursday Night Out meals to senior citizens in Letcher, Lee, and Breathitt Counties. Senior Citizens aged 60+ were able to receive a voucher for meals offered on Thursday Nights.

The meals were offered in Lee County at the Lee County Farmer's Market, Letcher County at the City of Whitesburg Farmer's Market, and Breathitt County Farmer's Market.

The meals in Letcher and Breathitt County changed location during the fiscal year due to the Farmer's Market season ending. Letcher County began having its Thursday Night Out meals at CANES Kitchen and Breathitt County began having theirs at their Senior Citizens Center. This was a special pilot project offered due to additional funds provided to KRADD by the Department for Aging & Independent Living.

# KENTUCKY HUNGER CHAMPION AWARDED TO KRADD STAFF



Stacie Noble, Aging Services Director at KRADD received the 2022 Hunger Champion Award at the Kentucky Hunger Summit hosted by the Department for Aging & Independent Living. This award is presented each year to someone who has gone above and beyond in their area to work toward providing better access to food services in their community.

## LUNCHESES FOR LEADERS HELD AT SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS IN KY RIVER REGION



*Letcher Co Judge Terry Adams hands out lunch to seniors during May lunches for Leaders in Letcher Co.*



*Local Officials in Perry Co served lunch to Hazard/Perry Co Senior Citizens*

Lunches for Leaders were held in all Senior Citizen Centers during May 2023. The goal of Lunches for Leaders is to help create awareness of the importance of the senior meal program in our area. County elected officials were present at events held throughout the Kentucky River Region.

# AGING ISSUES AWARENESS CONFERENCE HELD IN PERSON FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE PANDEMIC IN MARCH 2023



In March 2023, the Kentucky River Elder Abuse Council held its annual Aging Issues Awareness Conference in person for the first time since the pandemic. There were over 150 individuals in attendance at the event. The conference has a variety of Aging-related topics each year to educate area professionals on how to better care for the elderly population. Each year the Kentucky River Elder Abuse Council presents special awards at the Conference for those individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping the elderly population in the Kentucky River Region.

# KENTUCKY RIVER AGING PROGRAM PARTNER TO BEGIN OFFERING COMMODITIES IN THE REGION DURING FY 23



The Kentucky River Aging Programs partnered with the CFSP to begin offering commodities at Perry, Letcher, Lee, Owsley, and Wolfe counties. Adding the commodities to the list of services offered was an initiative of the Kentucky River Regional Hunger Council. The goal was to bring better access to food for the area's Senior Citizens.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVE UP HEALTH FAIR EVENTS HELD DURING OCTOBER 2022**



KRADD Aging Services Program held the Senior Citizens Drive Up Health Fair in October 2022. Drive-up events were held throughout the Kentucky River Region at various Senior Citizen Centers. A variety of community partners were available at the drive-up events to give out information on services available in the community. The Kentucky River Long Term Care Ombudsman was present at all the events to promote Resident Rights Month. Also, present at all events was the Kentucky River SHIP Coordinator who assisted individuals with open enrollment.

### **KENTUCKY RIVER LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM HOLDS A VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

The Kentucky River Long Term Care Ombudsman Program held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 17, 2023. The event was to provide education to the Kentucky River Volunteer Ombudsman as well as show appreciation for their willingness to go out to the Long Term Care Facilities in the region.

# OLDER AMERICANS & ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH WAS CELEBRATED IN MAY



***Letcher Co Judge Terry Adams signed Elder Abuse and Older Americans Month Proclamation***



***Perry Co Judge-Executive Scott Alexander and Hazard Mayor Happy Mobelini signed proclamation declaring May Elder Abuse and Older Americans Month in Perry Co***

Senior Centers in the Kentucky River Region celebrated May as Older Americans and Elder Abuse Awareness Month. All Senior Centers in the Kentucky River Region held a special Elder Abuse Day to invite the County Judge Executive to sign an elder abuse proclamation declaring May Elder Abuse and Older Americans Month in their county.

# KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

## THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 20, 2024

1.	Estimated Revenues A. Federal Funds	
Economic Dev Admin	\$	66,667
Appalachian Regional Commission		147,792
CDBG		16,414
Safe Streets for All		27,057
Hazard Mitigation		65,000
Title III B Services		207,300
Title III B ARPA Funds		152,785
Title III D Services		17,518
Title III D ARPA Funds		20,109
Title III C1 - Congregate Meals		252,611
Title III C1 - Congregate Meals ARPA Funds		137,057
Title III C2 _ Congregate Meals		122,745
Title III C2 - Home Delivered Meals		167,007
Title III C2 - Home Delivered Meals ARPA Funds		167,007

Elder Abuse	2,281
Title VII Ombudsman	5,227
Title III E Care Giver Services	74,115
Title III E Care Giver ARPA Funds	10,000
Title V SCSEP	278,925
NSIP	78,196
SHIP Services	26,550
MIPPA Services	31,454
Medicaid ADRC	11,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,917,810</b>
B. State Funds	
Economic Dev Admin Match	16,666
Appalachian Regional Comm Match	38,975
CDBG Match	16,414
JFA State Funds	187,966
Transportation Planning	85,641
Title III B Services	16,000
Title III Congregate Meals	11,048
Title III Home Delivered Meals	13,000
Title III E Caregiver Services	17,500
State Ombudsman	33,005

Title III D Disease Prevention	2,010
Expanded Senior Meal Program	480,000
Homecare Services	401,831
Medicaid ADRC	11,000
Title VII Elder Abuse	423
Title VII Ombudsman	813
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,332,292</b>
C. Local Funds	
Local Dues \$.77 Per Population	\$82,013
Local Donations and Fees	\$10,000
Local Aging Program Funds	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$492,013</b>
D. federal, State, & Local Service Revenues	
Performance Contracts	\$ 500,000
Medicaid CDO Financial Management	603,490
Medicaid CDO Support Broker	603,490
Medicaid CDO Durable Goods	75,000
Rental Revenue	12,000
Interest Income	5,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL, STATE, &amp; LOCAL SERVICE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,798,980</b>

<b>TOTAL REVENUES FOR FY 2024</b>	<b>\$5,541,095</b>
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<b>A. KRADD STAFF &amp; OPERATIONS</b>	
Personnel Expense	1,922,421
Burden	1,133,561
Leave Accrual	100,620
Title V Wages	222,761
Caregiver Respite Vouchers	66,000
Caregiver Support Services	10,000
Grandparent Support Services	7,500
Title V Support Services	2,000
Staff Travel	100,725
Building Maintenance	19,250
Utilites	55,000
Office Supplies	83,713
Food Supplies	352,060
Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	15,560
Kitchen Equipment	35,000
Auto Expense	9,000
Insurance & Bonding	45,000

Public Notices	9,000
Subscriptions	3,000
Information System Access	10,100
Telephone Expense	14,500
Postage	12,500
Ceremonies & Special Projects	45,000
Equipment Rental	25,500
Background Checks	4,700
Software Maintenance	37,000
Equipment Maintenance	1,500
Equipment Purchases	13,500
Employee Training	20,000
Membership Dues	18,500
Other Expenses	15,560
Consultants	35,000
Food Truck	9,000
Audit	45,000
USDA Building Loan Payment	63,600
Health Insurance Admin Fee	4,250
Aging Subcontractor Services	822,182
Medicaid CDO Durable Goods	75,000

Fund Balance Unreserved	32,208
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2024</b>	<b>5,541,095</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FOR FY 2024</b>	<b>5,541,095</b>

# STAFF

**Kim Allen - Office Manager**

**Dallas Arnett - Custodian/Maintenance**

**Tracy Baker - ADRC & Ship Coordinator**

**Kaitlin Slone - Assistant Finance Officer**

**Donna Stacy - Community Development Planner**

**Melissa Brewer- Community & Economic Development Specialist**

**Karlana Campbell - Human Resources Coordinator/Staff Accountant**

**Sheila Cornett - Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

**Tammy Couch - ADRC Assistant**

**Andrea Dixon - PDS Service Advisor**

**Chrissy Gullett - PDS Service Advisor**

**Sarah King - Community Development Planner**

**Courtney Young - Community Development Planner**

**Tabitha Haddix - Economic Development Coordinator**

**Dakota Hall - PDS Service Advisor/Case Manager**

**Patty Hicks - Staff Accountant**

**Jessica Epperson - Disaster Coordinator**

**Jessica Leedy - Human Services Planner**

**Suzanne Lewis - PDS Service Advisor**

**Deborah Maggard - Staff Accountant/Billing Clerk**

**Scott Melton - Transportation Planner**

**Autumn Mullins - Homecare Case Manager/PDS Service Advisor**

**Lisa Napier - Infrastructure Coordinator**

**Jane Olinger - Aging Assistant & SHIP Counselor**

**Trevor Pollard - Community Development Planner**

**Tammy Ritchie - PDS Service Advisor**

**Angela Robbins - PDS Service Advisor/Caregiver Coordinator**

**Shannon Slover - PDS Service Advisor**

**Megan Stepp - GIS Specialist**

**Desiree Walker - Staff Accountant**

**Shane Campbell - IT Specialist**

**Loretta Smith - PDS Service Advisor/Case Manager**

**Jessica Wireman - PDS Service Advisor**

**Emily Cornett - PDS Service Advisor/Case Manager**

**Teresa Bowling - Lee County Senior Citizens Center Director**

**Shawna Walls - PDS Service/Case Manager**

**Carmen Brock - Letcher County Senior Citizens Center Staff**

**Dena Brooks - Wolfe County Senior Citizens Director**

**Stephanie Caudill - Homecare Aide**

**Missy Cornett - Homecare Aide**

**Pauline Simpson - Homecare Aide**

**Andrea Graham - Homecare Aide**

**Heather Trout - Letcher County Senior Citizens Center Director**

**Millard Fields - Custodian**

# *In Memory of Candice Fields*

KRADD suffered a tragic loss with the passing of Candice Fields.  
We lost not only a valued member of our staff, but also a  
wonderful friend.



*Your laugh was infectious and you always had a smile  
Your work ethic was impeccable and you always went that extra  
mile*

*Working with you seemed to make work a short day  
For others, you never cared to go out of your way  
You made us feel special like family and not just friends  
You will be with us until the end*

*We will miss you we all know  
For your love and compassion for others, you have always shown  
Rest easy my friend your work here is done*

*What else can I say but go enjoy your time with God's only Son  
It was great knowing you it made our life a blast  
It's just so sad it didn't get to last*

*These few words don't express the pain we feel  
Because years down the road we will miss you still*

*By Scott Melton, Co-worker*

***Serving the Counties of Breathitt,  
Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley,  
Perry and Wolfe Counties.***



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