

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY CYBERSECURITY ANALYST CERTIFICATE



Dr. Michael Rammage, Director of Cyber Education & Research Center, Murray State University (MSU), spoke at the March 20, 2024, West Kentucky Workforce Board meeting regarding the new Cybersecurity Analyst Certificate being offered at MSU. MSU's Cyber Education & Research Center received a \$1,499,268 grant from the Employment & Training Association (ETA) within the Department of Labor (DOL) through the Delta Regional Authority to develop and implement a workforce development certificate program to educate and train future Cybersecurity Analysts. The Cybersecurity Analyst Certificate program is for incumbent

workers and new workforce entrants wishing to pursue a cyber analyst career including individuals currently underemployed, seeking advancement, changing careers, or wanting to earn a higher income. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics, from network configuration and vulnerability assessment to traffic analysis. With a focus on practical, real-world scenarios, students will learn to identify and mitigate cyber threats effectively, safeguarding organizations from potential breaches and data loss. For more information, to set up a meeting or begin the process of enrollment, you can complete the information form available at: <https://bit.ly/MurrayStateCyberAnalyst>.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE BOARD'S STAFF APPOINTMENT

Mary Anne Medlock, West Kentucky Workforce Board's Business Liaison for the Purchase area, was recently appointed to the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank's Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). The council keeps the St. Louis Fed president and Community Development staff informed about relevant issues in the Eighth District and suggests ways to support local community development efforts. The CDAC comprises executives from organizations throughout the Federal Reserve's Eighth District. The executives represent nonprofit organizations, financial institutions, universities, government, and foundations.



UPCOMING JOB FAIR EVENTS



The Trigg County Job Fair on Thursday, April 24, 2024 at The Way Christian Youth Center located at 197 Lafayette Street, Cadiz, KY. Trigg County High School students (11th and 12th grades) will attend from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the event is open to the general public from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Employers interested in registering can visit www.triggchamber.com to sign up.



A job fair will be held at the Crittenden County Public Library on April 12, 2024, from 9am - 1pm. Plan to attend to see opportunities available in the area.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING & INDEPENDENT LIVING

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEDICARE PREMIUMS AND COSTS



If you currently have \$164.90 deducted from your Social Security check monthly for your Part B premium and you have a low income, there's a program that might assist you with this cost! If your income is below \$1,660 for singles or \$2,239 for married couples, and your assets are under \$9,090 for singles or \$13,630 for married couples, you could be eligible for aid through one of the Medicare Savings Programs offered by the state.

These programs can help cover your Part B premiums and potentially contribute to Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income. To check your eligibility and apply for these programs, reach out to Ali Jones at the Pennyryle Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY, at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.

SENATE AGING COMMITTEE SEEKS STORIES FROM ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The United States Senate Special Committee on Aging is seeking stories from older adults and adults with disabilities residing in assisted living facilities, and their family members. The Committee is specifically looking for stories related to the costs and quality of assisted living services and encourages sharing your stories and bills from facilities. Submit your story via the form on their website or by emailing assistedlivingbills@aging.senate.gov. If you have questions regarding this project, contact Cindy Tabor, AAAIL Long Term Care Ombudsman, via phone at (270) 886-9484 or email at cindy.tabor@ky.gov.

SPRING CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

The Pennyryle Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living has set the date for their Spring Caregiver Conference. The conference will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024 at the James Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville. The event will begin at 8am and conclude at 1pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all in attendance, as well as gift bags and large door prizes.



The conference will feature several dynamic speakers and community resources relevant to caregivers of older adults and grandparents raising grandchildren. Registration is required by May 1, 2024 to attend. Please contact Miranda White, Family Caregiver Coordinator, at 270-886-9484 or by email at miranda.white@ky.gov to complete your registration.



Katie Wadlington stepped into her role as a Social Service Case Manager in March 2024. Hailing from Cadiz, Kentucky, Katie's journey into the world of social work was marked by her unwavering dedication to making a positive impact. Having earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree from Freed-Hardeman University in 2023, Katie emerged as a beacon of hope for those in need. Beyond her professional endeavors, she enjoys traveling and cherishing moments with family and friends. Please join us in welcoming Katie to the PeADD team.

HELLO
and welcome

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Program 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.

Application deadline: May 31, 2024

Match: 50% matching reimbursement (cash or in-kind)

Application Minimum: \$25,000 Maximum: \$250,000

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Program provides federal grant funds for assistance in acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both non-motorized and motorized use.

Application deadline: May 31, 2024

Match: 20% matching reimbursement (cash or in-kind)

Application Minimum: \$25,000 Maximum \$250,000

KOHS Homeland Security Grant Program

Program provides federal funding to build, sustain, and deliver capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, and protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. Projects must (1) demonstrate a terroristic preparedness nexus, (2) address threats and hazards identified in the State's Threat and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessments (THIRAs) and the corresponding National Core Capabilities, and (3) fall under an identified National Priority Area or Enduring Security Need.

Application deadline: April 22, 2024

Match: encouraged but not required

Community Development Block Grant

Program provides assistance to communities in revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing and economic opportunities, and providing and/or improving community facilities and services.

Application deadline: September 2, 2024 (can vary by category)

Match: 10-50% based on category of application

Delta Regional Authority States Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)

Program provides funding for projects related to basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure for the purpose of facilitating economic development, business development, and job training or employment-related education.

Application deadline: June 4, 2024

Match: 10% unless infrastructure project in a distressed county

Delta Regional Authority Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)

Program provides funding for projects related to basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure for the purpose of facilitating economic development, business development, and job training or employment-related education.

Application deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis

Match: 10% for non-distressed communities

Delta Regional Authority Strategic Planning Program

Program will give public entities access to strategic planning funds to address long-standing issues and develop a roadmap for economic growth and opportunity.

Applicants for this program have the autonomy to apply for a plan that fits the unique needs and challenges in their community. Eligible plans include, but are not limited to, economic development plans, utility rate studies, transportation plans, workforce development plans, and broadband deployment plans.

Application deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis

Application Minimum: \$25,000 Maximum \$150,000

Match: not required

Economic Development Administration – Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Program provides investments that support a wide range of non-construction and construction activities in regions experiencing severe economic dislocations. EDA supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency.

Application deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis

Match: 20% (cash)

For more information or assistance in applying for any of these programs, please contact the PeADD Community & Economic Development staff at 270-886-9484 or via email:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
Alzheimer's Support Group	April 16, 2024	11 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group	April 18, 2024	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting	April 24, 2024	10 am	PeADD Office



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