

HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

PEADD FIRST-EVER “HOME TO HOMEROOM: RESOURCES FOR GRANDFAMILIES” EVENT

On August 7, 2025, the Pennryle Area Development District proudly hosted its first time Home to Homeroom: Resources for Grandfamilies event. This special gathering brought together valued community partners including the Pennryle Royal Center, Christian County Public Library, and Joy Closet to support grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Those who attended received backpacks filled with school supplies and helpful resources, all designed to assist grandfamilies as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

For more information about programs for grandparents through the Pennryle ADD, please contact our Aging and Disability Resource Center at 866-844-4396.



ONE CALL, COUNTLESS RESOURCES FOR SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The Pennryle Area’s Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers a seamless, “no wrong door” approach to accessing vital resources and services for aging individuals and those with disabilities across the nine-county Pennryle region. The ADRC acts as a key resource for connecting individuals and their families with a wide array of programs available through the Pennryle Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living (Pennryle AAAIL), as well as other services outside the agency.



Some of the available resources include transportation, SHIP counseling, legal assistance through KY Legal Aid, Medicaid support, and Veterans’ benefits. Additionally, the ADRC offers assistance for in-dividuals aged 60 and above to access nutritious meals. Seniors can receive meals Monday through Friday at their local Senior Centers by participating in the congregate meals served at the center. For those who cannot visit the center due to mobility challenges, home-delivered meals are avail-able.

If you are interested in learning more about Home Delivered Meals or any other services the ADRC provides, please reach out at 1-866-844-4396, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The team is eager to assist you!

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EDA’S FY2025 DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS: A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is making \$1.45 billion in federal funding available through its FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program to help communities impacted by federally declared disasters in 2023 and 2024 recover, rebuild, and strengthen their economies.

This funding opportunity is a chance for our communities to rethink and rebuild in ways that create long-term resilience and growth. The program encourages projects that actively engage local stakeholders, leverage private industry participation, and position communities to better withstand future disasters.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- State, local, and Tribal governments
- Economic Development Districts
- Institutions of higher education
- Economic development organizations
- Public and private non-profits working with local government
- Public-private partnerships for public infrastructure

Projects must be in, serve, or directly benefit communities with a FEMA major disaster declaration from 2023 or 2024. All Pennryle counties are included in these declarations.

The funding opportunity presents three funding paths:

1. Readiness Path (Capacity Building and Planning)
  - Non-construction projects to prepare for future implementation
  - Examples: recovery strategies, disaster recovery coordinators, pre-development work
  - Awards: \$250,000 – \$500,000
2. Implementation Path (Direct Recovery and Growth Projects)
  - Construction: \$2 million – \$20 million
  - Non-construction: \$100,000 – \$5 million
3. Industry Transformation Path (Large-Scale, Coalition-Led Initiatives)
  - Multi-project portfolios to transform regional economies
  - Awards: \$20 million – \$50 million

Matching Requirements

EDA typically funds up to 80% of project costs. Applicants may apply to the G.R.A.N.T. Program for matching funds.

Deadlines

- Readiness & Implementation: Rolling until funds are exhausted or the NOFO closes
- Industry Transformation: Applications due March 3, 2026, 5:00 PM ET

For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact the Pennryle ADD Community and Economic Development Team.

RISK ASSESSMENT TRAINING ENHANCES COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS



The Pennryle Area Development District recently hosted a “Conducting Risk Assessments for Critical Community Assets” training, bringing together participants to strengthen regional safety and preparedness.

Through a dynamic mix of lectures, group discussions, and hands-on exercises, attendees learned how to evaluate threats, vulnerabilities, and potential consequences when assessing risk to key facilities.



A special thank-you goes to the Christian County Sheriff’s Office, Hopkinsville Police Department, Christian County Justice Center, and HWEA Water Plant for opening their doors for on-site vulnerability assessments.

Their support provided invaluable real-world context, helping participants apply classroom concepts to actual community infrastructure.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LYON COUNTY FISCAL COURT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT AWARD

The Pennryle Area Development District is proud to congratulate Lyon County Fiscal Court on receiving a \$150,000 award from the Delta Regional Authority’s (DRA) Strategic Planning Program.

This competitive program supports communities across DRA’s eight-state service region in creating strategic plans that strengthen public infrastructure, workforce development, and small business growth. With awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000, the program funds essential planning efforts such as feasibility studies, broadband deployment plans, workforce development strategies, and utility rate studies.

Lyon County’s project will fund a feasibility study on the regionalization of water and wastewater systems serving the county. The study’s goal is to improve service delivery, ensure financial sustainability, and position the region for future economic growth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF MADISONVILLE ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The Pennryle Area Development District (PeADD) proudly congratulates the City of Madisonville on receiving more than \$1.3 million from the Delta Regional Authority’s (DRA) Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF).

The CIF program is one of DRA’s primary investment tools, designed to address critical public infrastructure, transportation, and flood control needs in communities across the lower Mississippi Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions. By strengthening essential infrastructure, CIF projects help improve residents’ quality of life, attract and retain businesses, and foster long-term economic growth.

Madisonville’s award will support the installation of a new public waterline serving two major developments: a training center and a power generation facility. Together, these projects represent a \$180 million investment and will enhance regional resilience, public safety capacity, and economic opportunity across at least 20 counties.

PeADD commends the City of Madisonville for its vision and commitment to building a stronger future for the community and the entire region.

WORKFORCE SERVICES

PROJECT STORMS NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT

The West Kentucky Workforce Board (WKWB) was significantly impacted by a series of severe weather events—including floods, tornadoes, and high winds—that occurred across our 17-county region between May 2024 and April 2025. In response, WKWB is participating in disaster recovery efforts by implementing workforce programs supported through a National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG). These programs will help individuals affected by the storms regain employment and develop skills for long-term career success.

WKWB is collaborating closely with the region’s two Area Development Districts, city and county governments, non-profits, and local emergency management officials to coordinate county-specific recovery strategies and service delivery. Together, these partnerships ensure that support is tailored to the unique needs of each community.

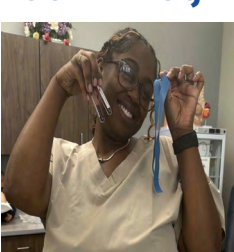
With an initial award of \$141,666.67 and the potential to access approximately \$1 million from the state’s \$10 million NDWG application, WKWB will provide a variety of employment and training opportunities to include:

- Temporary Disaster Relief Employment (up to 12 months / 2,080 hours), involving tasks such as debris and structural removal, shelter assistance, infrastructure repair (e.g., water, sewer, internet, electricity), and support for educational services.
- Work-Based Learning opportunities (up to 500 hours), such as internships and apprenticeships.
- On-the-Job Training to support employer-based skill development.
- Short-Term Training (up to one year), including classroom-based, vocational, occupational, and prevocational programs (up to six months), aligned with regional workforce demands.

Participants may also receive a wide range of supportive services, including transportation and relocation assistance, clothing, tools, employment assistance, training support, and needs-related payments.

Individuals who are seeking services can contact WKWB staff at the Hopkinsville, JobNet (Madisonville) and Paducah Career Centers or visit [www.wkworkforce.work](http://www.wkworkforce.work) for more information. Employers who are interested in participating in the grant can contact Business Liaisons Tom Sholar or Mary Anne Medlock at 270-886-9484.

YOUTH PROGRAM SUCSESSES



Na’Darionia began working full-time as a Child Care Assistant at Audubon Area Community Services, Inc. in November 2022. While supporting her family and caring for her grandmother, she discovered a strong passion for healthcare and a desire to pursue a career where she could make a meaningful difference.

Seeking guidance on how to take the next step, she connected with Youth Workforce Connections at Hopkinsville Community College. There, she learned she was eligible for support through the Putting Young Kentuckians to Work grant, funded by the West Kentucky Workforce Board. With this assistance, she was able to begin her journey into the healthcare field.

While continuing to work full-time, Na’Darionia enrolled in a phlebotomy training program. Her commitment and drive were evident early on—she completed all 50 required venipunctures during a “Friends and Family” practice day, even before her summer course officially began.

She completed the program successfully and earned her National Certification as a Registered Phlebotomy Technician on June 26, 2025. Her instructor and trainer were impressed by her attention to detail, professionalism, and positive attitude.

Soon after, Na’Darionia received a job offer from Jennie Stuart Health in Hopkinsville, KY. She will begin her new role as a Phlebotomist on August 6, 2025, earning \$15.40 per hour—a \$2.00 increase from her previous position.

In December 2024, Christina was a high school graduate working in the food-service industry. While she was employed, she felt unfulfilled and unsure of how to reach the future she envisioned for herself. That’s when she connected with Madisonville Community College’s You Make a Difference Certified Nursing Assistant program—a training opportunity funded by the West Kentucky Workforce Board through the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Out-of-School Youth program.

Christina met with a WIOA Career Coach who enrolled her in several program elements designed to help her succeed. She received tutoring to improve her math skills, participated in occupational skills training through the Kentucky Medicaid Nurse Aide Competency course, and engaged in transition activities to support her career goals.

In March 2025, Christina successfully passed her state competency exam. She will officially receive her Medicaid Nurse Aide Certificate from Madisonville Community College in May.

Shortly after completing the course, Christina was hired by Ridgewood Terrace Health & Rehabilitation in Madisonville at \$18 an hour—\$6 more per hour than she earned in her previous job. Her new employer also partnered with the Workforce Board to continue her skill development through WIOA-funded On-the-Job Training. This OJT experience helped Christina gain valuable hands-on experience and professional mentoring in a long-term care setting.

Christina’s story is a powerful reminder that with support, determination, and access to the right opportunities, meaningful and lasting career changes are possible.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
Hopkins/Muhlenberg Elder Abuse Council Meeting	August 6, 2025	9 AM	Hopkins County Senior Center 200 Main St.   Madisonville
From Home to Homeroom Event - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	August 7, 2025	9 AM – 11 AM	PeADD Office
PeADD Board of Directors Meeting	August 11, 2025	12 PM	PeADD Office & Zoom
Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group	August 19, 2025	11 AM	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennryle Grandparent Support Group	August 21, 2025	10 AM	PeADD Office & Zoom
Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group	August 20, 2025	11 AM	Dawson Springs Library 103 West Ramsey St.   Dawson Springs
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting	August 27, 2025	10 AM	PeADD Office
Water Management Council Meet-ing	August 27, 2025	11:30 AM	PeADD Office
Western Kentucky Senior Suicide Prevention Network	August 28, 2025	1 PM	PeADD Office & Zoom

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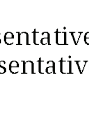
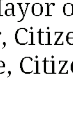
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