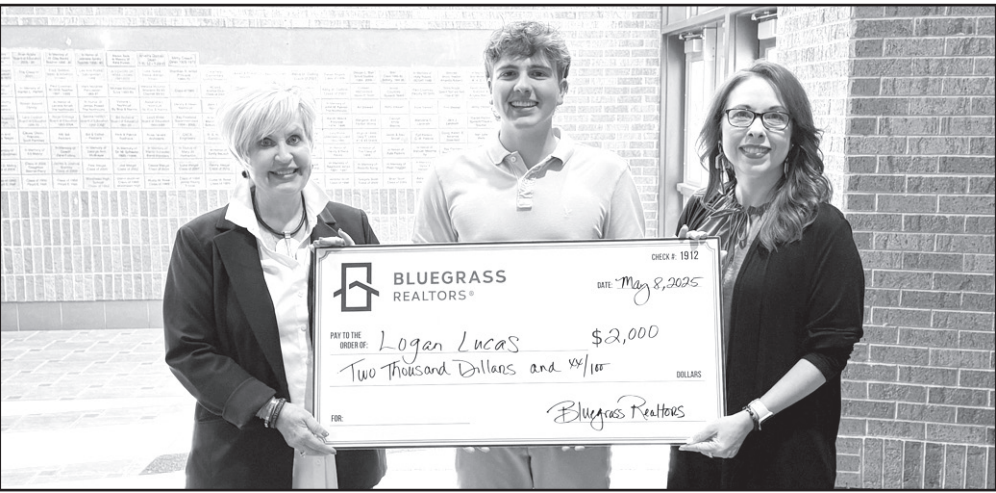


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Bluegrass Realtors® awards \$20,000 in scholarships to high school seniors



Logan Lucas from RCSHS receives \$2,000 scholarship from Bluegrass Realtors

Bluegrass Realtors® is honored to award 10 scholarships at \$2,000 each to local high school seniors for the 2025 school year. Scholarship winners completed applications this spring as part of the Association’s Community Education and Outreach Committee’s goal of helping students, and investing in education, across the 38-county jurisdiction. As part of the application, applicants included an essay on the importance of homeownership.

“We are honored to celebrate high school seniors throughout the Bluegrass region. Our goal with the scholarship program is to create homeownership awareness with applicants during a pivotal time in their life,” said Todd Hyatt, president of Bluegrass Realtors®. “As an association, we are always looking to find ways to educate consumers on the importance of purchasing a home as it is one of the biggest financial decisions one will make in their lifetime.”

Scholarship winners were: • MonTae Ashford – Bryan Station High School (Fayette County) • Bryce Bates – Lafayette High School (Fayette County) • Reid Bryant – Whitely County High School (Whitely County) • Tharun Ekambaram – Mercer County High School (Mercer County) • Logan Lucas – Rowan County High School (Rowan County) • Olivia Messer – Clay County High School (Clay County) • Ellen Mueller – Scott County High School (Scott County) • Nathan Ogle – Madison Central High School (Madison County) • Addison Thompson – Montgomery County High School (Montgomery County) • Alexis Vittitow – East Jes-

samine High School (Jesamine County)

Hyatt continued, “Even though we are only able to award ten scholarships each year, we are thankful for all who applied. These young students have a bright future ahead of them. The Association has been involved in the school system with several initiatives over many decades and are thrilled to continue by offering this scholarship for the second year in a row.”

Scholarship applications for the upcoming school year will open in late Fall and will close in February 2026. These awards are open to high school seniors in the Association’s 38 counties if they plan to attend a post-secondary institution or trade school program in Kentucky. To learn more, visit bluegrassrealtors.com.

com/scholarships.

As the region’s leading advocate for homeownership, Bluegrass Realtors® understands the value and joy of owning a home. The Association represents more than 4,000 Realtors® located in 38 counties: Anderson, Bath, Bell, Bourbon, Boyle, Casey, Clark, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Henry, Jackson, Jessamine, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McCreary, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Nicholas, Owsley, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Scott, Shelby, Wayne, Whitley and Woodford counties. Visit www.bluegrassrealtors.com for up-to-the-minute real estate listings and buying and selling resources.

Gateway ADD region receives \$500,000 cleanup grant

Last Thursday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced more than \$6 million to help Kentucky communities expand economic development and tourism opportunities through the restoration of previously blighted and unused property, including a \$500,000 grant for the Gateway Area Development District.

“This funding allows us to give new life to formerly abandoned properties with modern uses,” said Gov. Beshear. “Through these projects we are making good on our promise for a better, stronger new Kentucky home.”

Gov. Beshear awarded Gateway Area Development District a \$500,000 Community-wide Assessment Grant to inventory, assess and conduct cleanup planning and community engagement activities in the cities of Salt Lick, Frenchburg, Mount Sterling, West Liberty and Morehead. Priority sites include a vacant hotel, a

6.27-acre former elementary school, a train depot that has been vacant and unused since 1980, a 2-acre former sawmill and an abandoned and flood-damaged retail storefront.

“Gateway Area Development District is honored to receive a \$500,000 EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant to support the revitalization of properties across Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan and Rowan counties,” Joshua Farrow, executive director of the Gateway Area Development District said. “The program will assess and identify brownfield sites for cleanup and redevelopment, which is essential to expanding the local tax base, attracting private investment and supporting our region’s growing tourism economy.”

Since 2007, Kentucky communities have received \$40.5 million in EPA brownfield funding through the assistance

of DEP’s Brownfield Program.

“When we give brownfield properties a new life that serves our communities, we’re showing the nation and future generations that we have fully invested in protecting our environment and our people,” Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman said. “There’s nothing more rewarding than maximizing the potential of our people through the sustainable renewal of these properties.”

For more information about Kentucky’s grant recipients or to inquire about funding for brownfields redevelopment, contact Kiersten O’Leary at 502-782-6360. For an overview of EPA’s Brownfields grants, please visit Types of EPA Brownfield Grant Funding | US EPA. For information regarding solicitations for FY 2026 Brownfields grant proposals, please visit Solicitations for Brownfield Grants | US EPA.

Ordinance #2-2025

An ordinance adopting the City of Owingsville, KY. Annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government.

Whereas, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the city council; and

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications;

Section 1:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted as follows:

	General Fund	Special Rev. Funds	Water Sewer Fund
Resources Available:			
Fund balance carried forward	500,000	517,000	297,006
Estimated revenues:			
Taxes	220,000	175,000	-0
Licenses and permits	347,900	-0	-0
Intergovernmental revenues	157,865	100,900	107,000
Alcohol regulatory fees	-0	72,000	-0
Charges for services	-0	-0	2,170,500
Other	238,739	9,000	11,000
Total estimated revenues	964,504	356,900	2,288,500
Total resources available for appropriation	1,464,504	873,900	2,585,506
Appropriations:			
General Government	292,341	-0	-0
Police	501,551	-0	-0
Fire	71,877	51,350	-0
Streets	210,000	81,600	-0
Rec. Tourism	-0	278,093	-0
Alcohol sales regulation	-0	82,731	-0
Opiod prevention	-0	55,400	-0
Enterprises	-0	-0	2,585,506
Total appropriations	1,075,769	549,174	2,585,506
Excess of resources over/under appropriations	388,735	324,726	-0
Interfund tranfers	-0	-0	-0
Estimated fund balances end of fiscal year	388,735	324,726	-0

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MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED USE HEARING

ABC Company, Inc. d/b/a Hilltop Landing, LLC hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ2 Retail drink license, Quota Retail Drink License, Quota Retail Drink package, Sampling, Distilled Spirits & Wine storage licenses no later than November 1, 2025. The premises licensed will be located at 12 Camp Judy Layne Rd, Kentucky, 40387. The owners are Richard and Virginia D Wright, 178 Springhill Ln, Wellington Ky, 40387. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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A public hearing will be held by the City of Owingsville, KY at City Hall on June 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM. For the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments of citizens regarding possible use of municipal street funds. The City currently has approximately \$45,000 in revenue deferred from prior fiscal years and will be receiving \$36,600.00 during the fiscal year 2025-2026 for a total of \$81,600.00 interested persons or organizations in the city of Owingsville, Kentucky are invited to the public hearing to submit oral or written comments on the possible use of the municipal aid fund. All proposed projects for the use of these funds will be identified at the hearing any person(s) especially senior citizens, who cannot submit written statements or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments should call the city hall at 606-674-6361 so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

Gary Hunt, Mayor
City of Owingsville

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ORDINANCE #2025-2
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026
ESTIMATION REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

FIRST READING 5-1-25

SECOND READING 6-5-25

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Commission; and WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget amendment and made necessary modifications, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FRENCHBURG,

SECTION 1: That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby amended as follows:

	General Fund	LGEA Fund	MAP Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Resources Available					
Fund bal. carried forward	120,000.00	8,000.00	89,000.00	225,000.00	53,000.00
Estimated revenues:					
Taxes	84,250.00				
Licenses and permits	1,660.00				
Intergovernmental revenues		10,000.00	15,000.00		
Charges for services				1,740,450.00	121,600.00
Relocation 460					
HB 413	1,500.00				
Community Center rentals	6,500.00				
Interest	400.00	20.00	70.00	700.00	95.00
Other reimbursements	28,000.00	5,000.00		28,000.00	
Rent	60,000.00				
ABC license/Application fee	3,000.00				
Appalachian Regional Commission Community Dev.Block Grant					500,000.00
KIA Cleaner Water SRF				750,000.00	
Total estimated revenues	185,310.00	15,020.00	15,070.00	2,491,190.00	1,371,695.00
Total resources available for appropriations	305,310.00	23,020.00	104,070.00	2,716,190.00	1,424,695.00
APPROPRIATIONS					
General Government	21,000.00				
Payroll taxes/Benefits	1,200.00				
Lease	23,000.00				
Fees/PVA/legal/auditor	1,500.00				
Streets			10,000.00		
Public Affairs	4,000.00				
Law Enforcement HB 413	51,500.00				
Insurance	8,500.00				
Community Cnt. Utilities & other	14,475.00				
Public Utilities		22,000.00		1,742,250.00	109,925.00
Farmers Mkt & Comm Cnt refunds	1,500.00				
Supplies/ Misc	1,000.00				
Utilities	3,000.00				
Solid Waste	550.00				
Maintenance parks & recreation	1,500.00				
Dues/subscriptions	5,000.00				
Advertisements	1,500.00				
Farmers Market expenses	1,000.00				
Farmers Market water/electric	2,500.00				
Property Purchase	28,000.00			28,000.00	10,000.00
Office expense	500.00				
Grant Projects				722,040.00	1,250,000.00
Total appropriations	171,225.00	22,000.00	10,000.00	2,492,290.00	1,369,925.00
Excess of resources over/under appropriations	14,085.00	-6,980.00	5,070.00	-1,100.00	1,770.00
Estimated fund balances	134,085.00	1,020.00	94,070.00	223,900.00	54,770.00

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall take effect after approval and publication.

Mayor City of Frenchburg

Attest: Brandi O'D
City Clerk

ORDINANCE #2025-1
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025
ESTIMATION REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

FIRST READING 5-1-25

SECOND READING 6-5-25

WHEREAS, an annual budget amendment and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Commission; and WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget amendment and made necessary modifications, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FRENCHBURG,

SECTION 1: That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 is hereby amended as follows:

	General Fund	LGEA Fund	MAP Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Resources Available					
Fund bal. carried forward	147,000.00	15,000.00	76,000.00	225,790.00	45,000.00
Estimated revenues:					
Taxes	84,250.00				
Licenses and permits	660.00				
Intergovernmental revenues		15,000.00	15,000.00	1,604,450.00	118,650.00
Charges for services					
Relocation 460					
HB 413	1,500.00				
Community Center rentals	8,000.00				
Interest	400.00	20.00	70.00	700.00	95.00
Other reimbursements	1,500.00				
Rent	36,000.00				
Appalachian Regional Commission Community Dev. Block Grant					500,000.00
KIA Cleaner Water SRF				722,040.00	750,000.00
Total estimated revenues	132,310.00	15,020.00	15,070.00	2,327,190.00	1,368,745.00
Total resources available for appropriations	279,310.00	30,020.00	91,070.00	2,552,980.00	1,413,745.00
APPROPRIATIONS					
General Government	19,000.00				
Payroll taxes/Benefits	1,090.00				
Lease	23,500.00				
Fees/PVA/legal/auditor					
Streets					
Public Affairs		22,000.00	2,000.00		
Law Enforcement HB 413	65,000.00				
Insurance	8,400.00				
Community Cnt. Utilities & other	14,475.00				
Public Utilities				1,606,750.00	110,230.00
Farmers Mkt & Comm Cnt refunds	1,500.00				
Supplies/ Misc	1,000.00				
Town Decorations	5,000.00				
Utilities	5,000.00				
Solid Waste	550.00				
Maintenance parks & recreation	1,500.00				
Dues/subscriptions	5,000.00				
Advertisements	1,000.00				
Farmers Market expenses	4,500.00				
Farmers Market water/electric	2,650.00				
Office expenses	500.00				
Grant Projects				722,040.00	1,250,000.00
Total appropriations	159,665.00	22,000.00	2,000.00	2,328,790.00	1,360,230.00
Excess of resources over/under appropriations	-27,355.00	-6,980.00	13,070.00	-1,600.00	8,515.00
Estimated fund balances end of fiscal year	119,645.00	8,020.00	89,070.00	224,190.00	53,515.00

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall take effect after approval and publication.

Mayor City of Frenchburg

Attest: Brandi O'D
City Clerk