

# Ephraim McDowell Health Foundation receives \$1,000 Corning grant

The Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation announces that it has received a \$1,000 Employee Vibrant Community Grant through Corning, Inc.

The Community Impact and Investment Employee Vibrant Community Grant awards 60 nonprofit organizations making Corning's communities a better place to live and work. Employees nominate eligible nonprofit organizations in Corning's U.S. business locations for a \$1,000 Employee Vibrant Community Grant. The Employee Vibrant Community Grant Program is a unique opportunity for active part-time and full-time Corning employees to help create vibrant communities where people want to live and work.

The application for the grant was submitted by Shawn Markham, chair of the Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin Hospital Board of Directors since October 2024 and member of the Ephraim McDowell Health Board of Directors.

"I'm very grateful that my application for this grant was approved," said Markham, a Corning Corporate Fellow who has supported Corning's fusion glass process in Harrodsburg and globally for



Photo Submitted

**A \$1,000 grant from Corning, Inc.'s Employee Vibrant Community Grant Program has been presented to the Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Shawn Markham, chair of the Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin Hospital Board of Directors and a Corning Fellow; Dr. Lynne W. Lynn, administrator at Haggin Hospital; Dan McKay, president & chief executive officer of Ephraim McDowell Health; and Laura Richard, executive director of the Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation.**

34 years. "Having served on the James B. Haggin Hospital Board since 2020, I recognize the value that Ephraim McDowell Health adds to the community it serves."

Established in December 2023, Community Impact and Investment (CI&I) centralizes Corning's racial equity and philanthropic contributions in

the U.S. under a single organization to maximize impact in areas that align closely with their values and business objectives. CI&I acts as a trusted resource to nurture vibrant, equitable communities through thought leadership, philanthropic support, and long-term partnerships. Visit [www.corning.com/communityimpact](http://www.corning.com/communityimpact) to learn more.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant from Corning," said Laura Richard, executive director of the Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation. "We appreciate the support of our community partners. This grant is just the beginning of a great partnership with Corning."

## THE MERCER COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

The public will take notice that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled at the request of the following:

25-02 – Gary & Mary Ann Reichard is requesting a variance of 18.8' from 200' to 181.95' on the minimum road frontage requirement for a proposed Tract 2 of the Gary & Mary Ann Reichard Minor Plat. The property is located at 1905 Cummins Ferry Rd. in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-2 (Agricultural).

This public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, **April 17th, 2025** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **8:00AM**. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to view proposed plans, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at (859) 734-6066 or you may visit the Planning & Zoning Office at 109 Short St. Harrodsburg, KY.

Bobby Upchurch, Chairman

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY 40330

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Harrodsburg ("City") at the office of the City Administrative Officer, Stacey Maynard, whose office is located at 208 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Bids will be received until 3:00pm, Thursday, April 10, 2024.

The bids will be opened on Friday, April 11, 2025 at 9:00am and awarded at the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 12:00pm.

The area to be serviced is the City of Harrodsburg, city limits, in Mercer County consisting of an estimated four thousand four hundred forty-four (4,044) households and commercial sites. Subscription shall be voluntary, although the City reserves the right to mandate same during the term of the franchise. The City, however, makes no representation or assurances that mandatory garbage collection will occur during the franchise term.

Bidders are required to bid on refuse and bulky waste collection, recycling collection, transport, and disposal at a site approved by the State. The term of this contract will be a three (3) year period with an optional two (2) year extension. The schedule for first day of service is July 1, 2025.

Bids must be made on the Contractor's Bid Form in accordance with the instructions to Bidders. The Contract Documents, of which the Bid form and instruction are a part, are published by and available through the City upon request at the City Administrative Officer's office, 208 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Email inquiries may be directed to [smaynard@harrodsburgky.gov](mailto:smaynard@harrodsburgky.gov). No more than one (1) copy will be furnished to any one person or firm.

Envelopes containing the bids shall be addressed to Stacey Maynard, City Administrative Officer, 208 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. The envelopes must be sealed and must clearly show the name and address of the bidder, the date and time of bid opening, and the statement "Proposal for Exclusive Franchise for Residential and Commercial Solid Waste/Recycling Collection and Disposal." Bids may be withdrawn prior to the bid opening.

A Bid Bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 or certified check must accompany the bid in accordance with the "Instructions to Bidders". Said Bond will be held as a guarantee that, in the event the bid is accepted and a contract awarded to the bidder, the Contract shall be duly executed and its performance properly secured by the required performance bond. The successful bidder will be required to execute the Contract within thirty (30) days after award of the Contract.

In case the bidder neglects to so execute the Contract, the bond accompanying the bid shall be forfeited to the City, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any bid, negotiate bids as described in "Instruction to Bidders" and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right not to accept the lowest bid.

# Reality check on your retirement savings



## Financial Focus

**Allen Goldie**  
Goldie Financial  
Financial Advisor

Whether you're 23 or 35, it's important to know whether you are saving enough for your retirement. There is no time like the present to ensure you are allocating enough funds to your retirement account.

With folks routinely living into their 80s and 90s, it's more important than ever to ensure your money lasts your lifetime. Millennials have the advantage of time. You can benefit from compounding and the long-term trends that can make a real difference over the course of several decades.

A good savings target is 15% of your income. That's a very general target, and in many cases, it's too conservative. That can be a real challenge if you are also saving for a house and/or paying off student loans. The important point is to make a commitment to your retirement savings by contributing a consistent amount with each paycheck (or if you are self-employed, every invoice). The absolute percentage is secondary; more important is to set a goal and

stick to it.

How will your lifestyle change? In retirement, you may no longer be drawing a salary, although many folks take up some form of self-employment that brings in an income. It's up to you whether earnings will be part of your retirement plan. If not, your retirement savings should be robust enough to supplement your Social Security without sacrificing your lifestyle. You can check you projected Social Security payments on the Social Security Administration's website.

Time may heal all wounds. Millennials may have unpleasant memories of the Great Recession and the family turmoil it could have caused. A conservative attitude toward risk isn't surprising given those circumstances, but sticking to overly conservative investments has its own risks, such as not keeping up with inflation. You have time to recover from the inevitable ups and downs of the markets, which means you might want to consider adding some aggressive investments to your retirement account.

Figure out how long your savings will last. To get a reasonably accurate figure, you should derive your annual "burn rate." That's the amount of savings you'll need to live on each year. You then see whether it will last for your estimated life expectancy, which you can check with any number of online calculators. If the answer is no, you'll have to increase the amount you save now and/or cut back on your retirement plans.

Your retirement finances are not set in stone. You have

options at any age. Call or email me to review those and decide on the best course of action. Don't put it off—the sooner you understand your financial alternatives, the sooner you can take positive action to protect your golden years.

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# Enjoy Saturday events in Harrodsburg



## Chamber Chat

**Jill Cutler**  
Executive Director  
Mercer Chamber of  
Commerce

This Saturday brings us a couple of wonderful activities. While our public-school students are on spring break, there is a special FREE art workshop with Arts Atelier

146. This is a school of higher education and high school students and parents are most welcome. Lunch is provided. You will find them in Burgin and <https://www.artsatelier146.org/>

Next is the return of Cruz on Chiles presented by Auto Kustoms. The coolest cars will be there Saturday from 5-8 p.m. and there will be food trucks. This first Saturday event is popular with the home crowd and visitors. I consider it the first event of the season and a perfect place for a casual Saturday evening. Find them at <https://www.facebook.com/autokustoms>.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Publication Date: April 3rd, 2025

**City of Harrodsburg**  
208 S Main Street  
Harrodsburg, Ky 40330  
(859) 265-0153

This notice shall satisfy a procedural requirement for the activities to be undertaken by the City of Harrodsburg.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about April 18, 2025, the City of Harrodsburg will submit a Finding of No Significant Impact to the Department for Local Government for environmental clearance of the Community Development Block Grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) and to undertake the proposed project if approved for funding:

**Project Name:** City of Harrodsburg Project "Silent Falcon"

**Project Purpose:** Community Development Block Grant- Economic Development

The City of Harrodsburg, in partnership with Harrodsburg Mercer County Industrial Development Authority (acting as LDA) seeks \$1,000,000 in CDBG-ED funding for Project "Silent Falcon". The project involves a technologically advanced manufacturing startup that has an interest in locating in the existing industrial building located at 1025 Industry Road in Harrodsburg. The building is formerly the home of both Keytronic EMS and Organic Biology but is vacant at this time. The building is approximately 22,500 sq ft. The project does not include construction of significant new exterior features or any ground disturbance. The manufacturing process is not expected to produce excessive noise, light, and little to no emissions.

Project will take place within the City of Harrodsburg boosting the local economy by providing well-paying jobs to residents of Harrodsburg and the surrounding communities.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Harrodsburg has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91-190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by the City of Harrodsburg which documents the environmental review of the project and

more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Harrodsburg City Hall, 208 S Main St, Harrodsburg, Ky 40330 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at Harrodsburg City Hall between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Mayor of Harrodsburg to the Harrodsburg City Hall. Such written comments should be received at (208 S Main St, Harrodsburg, Ky 40330) on or before April 18th, 2025. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of the Finding of No Significant Impact or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Harrodsburg will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department for Local Government (DLG) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The City of Harrodsburg is certifying to the state that the City and Robert Williams, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval. The City of Harrodsburg may use the Community Development Block Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Robert Williams  
Mayor, City of Harrodsburg  
208 S Main St  
Harrodsburg, Ky 40330