

The Center for Rural Development accepting grant applications for 2025 ARC mini grants

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The Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications for the 2025 Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission mini-grant program.

The mini-grant program (sometimes referred to as the Flex-E-Grant program), according to a statement from the Appalachian Regional Commission, is open to qualified local units of government and non-profit entities in Floyd, Johnson, Perry and Pike counties for capacity-building planning and implementation projects.

Other counties within The Center's service area that are eligible to apply include: Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Elliott, Estill, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Morgan, Owsley, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

The mini-grant program provides strategic investments in projects that build commu-

nity capacity to mobilize local resources, gain leadership experience and strengthen community institutions and network, the statement said.

Grants are subject to approval for up to \$10,000, require a 20 percent match of total project costs, and are to be completed within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grants are available on a reimbursement basis only.

For more information or to download a request for proposal, visit, <https://center-tech.com/arc-mini-grant-flex-e-grant/>.

All grant applications and supporting documents must be submitted to The Center for Rural Development by 5 PM (EDT) on May 2. Digital files are preferred and may be emailed to, arc@centertech.com.

For questions about the application process or program guidelines, please call, (606) 677-6000, or email, jvanthournout@centertech.com.

The Center for Rural Development administers programs funds in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government and the ARC.

Pikeville Rotary Club members get presented with Paul Harris Fellow pins



News-Express photo by Mycca Decker

At the Mar. 19 Pikeville Rotary Club meeting, Mohinder Paul Randhawa, Pikeville Medical Center Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Charles Wayne Hancock, Executive Vice President/Senior Staff Attorney at Community Trust Bank, were presented with Paul Harris Fellow pins and certificates by Rotarian Frank Dawahare and Pikeville Rotary Club President Novella Bentley Froman. "These two individuals, Charles Wayne Hancock and Dr. Paul Randhawa, are now part of a select group. Your dedication to the foundation is deeply appreciated and it's wonderful to see you both step into this role." Dawahare said.



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Community calendar

Ongoing

The Belfry Branch of the Pike County Library hosts a sign language class at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The library is located on U.S. 119 in Belfry.

The Mountain Movers Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Lee Avenue Branch of the Pike County Libraries. The club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. For more information, contact George Thornbury or Judy Smith at (606) 434-4394 or (859) 443-9876.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Christian Life Fellowship Church at 6155 Damron Lane, North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, for more information call (606) 478-LIFE (5433).

The Belfry Young Adults Crafts group conducts social craft classes for adults ages 18-25 on alternating Saturdays at 3 p.m. at the Belfry Public Library. Registration is not required.

The Teen Activity Club — a craft group for youth ages 13-18 — meets at the Pike County Public Library on Lee Avenue on alternating Mondays. Sessions begin at 4 p.m. and last approximately an hour and a half.

Belfry Quilting Enthusiasts meets on the second Saturday of every month from noon to 3 p.m. Bring your talents and share your creativity, ideas, projects and interests at the Belfry Public Library. All skill levels from beginners to experts are welcome. Registration is not required.

March 25 — First Christian Church of Pikeville will provide hot meals and groceries from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a drive-through event and volunteers will load your items. The church is located at 313 Chloe Road near Pikeville Elementary School.

April 12 — The Williamson Area Church of Christ will host a Ladies Day featuring Celine Sparks. She lives in Huntsville, Ala. Sparks holds a master's of education degree, the author of four books and is a humorist for newspapers and magazines. The event's theme is "Stir" based on Hebrews 10:24. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with sessions starting at 10:30 a.m.

April 13 — Tex Sawyers will be the guest speaker at the Christian Life Fellowship Church located on North Mayo Trail, Pikeville. The morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (606) 478-LIFE (5433).

Submit Community Calendar announcements to Terry L. May, news editor, at mingomessenger-may@gmail.com

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