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CommonSpirit Community Health Improvement Grants fund local organizations for third year

CHI Communications

BEREA, Ky. – Saint Joseph Berea has awarded \$20,000 in grant funding to two local nonprofit organizations to improve the well-being and health equity of the Berea area. The grant recipients are Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road and Grow Appalachia.

"At Saint Joseph Health, we are committed to a healthier future for all and addressing the unique needs of our neighbors," said John Yanes, president, Saint Joseph Berea. "Our mission calls out a special focus on serving the vulnerable, and the work of these two incredible organizations is essential in advancing well-being and health equity across the area. Together, through these partnerships and Saint Joseph Health's commitment, we can make a meaningful impact and create a brighter, healthier future for all."

The grant funding will be used for the projects throughout March 2027. Here is what the recipients said about the grants.

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"Girl Scouts' highest awards are more than

leadership milestones – they are community health interventions. When girls identify the greatest needs around them and design sustainable solutions, they strengthen food access, promote mental wellness, and raise awareness around substance use," said Susan Douglas, chief executive officer. "This partnership with Saint Joseph Berea positions young women not just as future leaders, but as present-day changemakers improving the health of Madison County and beyond."

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"Grow Appalachia's Berea Kids Eat Program is thrilled to collaborate with Saint Joseph Berea to implement the Sprouts Youth Market this growing season. For the past 16 years as a Strategic Initiative of Berea College, Grow Appalachia has been addressing food insecurity throughout central Appalachia through home and community garden initiatives, foodways, farming, resource distribution, and nutrition programming," said Lara Armstrong, nutrition program coordinator. "With

support from Saint Joseph Berea and in partnership with the Berea Farmers Market, Berea Kids Eat will host a cohort of Berea families to grow and sell their own fresh produce at the Berea Farmers Market as Sprout Youth Vendors. Vendors will sell at four markets alongside regular Berea Farmers' Market vendors. At these same markets youth who attend will also be able to receive \$10 Sprouts Vouchers to spend onsite on fresh, local produce. The Sprouts Youth Market Project will support Berea Kids Eats' wider summer programming theme of "Where Does Our Food Come From?" that aims to connect Berea families and Berea's local food system."

Across Kentucky, Saint Joseph Health awarded \$558,200 through the grant program, which was open to nonprofit organizations that address the following priorities – substance use disorders, mental health and mental disorders, and weight status, physical activity and nutrition – through

projects planned for the next calendar year. The priorities were identified in Saint Joseph Health's most recent community health needs assessment, which is conducted every three years to help the hospitals and community partners identify and address priority health and social needs faced by residents and the region.

This opportunity was part of the CommonSpirit Health Community Health Improvement Grants program. Saint Joseph Berea is part of CommonSpirit Health, which was created in 2019 when Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health came together to create a national health system.

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Legal Notice

Pursuant to KRS 160.463, the Madison County Board of Education's audited annual financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2025 and the 2025-2026 Working Budget are available on our website at the following web address: <https://www.madison.kyschools.us/departments/finance/financial-reports>

Request for Proposals- Financial Audit Services for Madison County Schools

Madison County Schools is requesting proposals from qualified certified public accounting firms. To request a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP), please email [Dustin Brumbaugh at dustin.brumbaugh@madison.kyschools.us](mailto:Dustin.Brumbaugh@madison.kyschools.us) Proposals must be received by: **Friday, April 10, 2026 by 4:00pm**

Public Notice

The Madison County Fiscal Court passed Ordinance 2026-001 on March 10, 2026. View full posting at www.madisoncountky.gov/public-notices, or in person at 135 W. Irvine St., Richmond, KY by calling 859-624-4700.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Please take notice that the Housing Authority of Richmond, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 424.130 CFR Part 880 et seq, and all other applicable law, will accept comments from the public on **March 30, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 am.**

The aforesaid comments will be heard at the Housing Authority's Main Office having a street address of 429 Smith Village, Richmond KY 40475.

The purpose of this meeting is to explain to interested members of the public as well as Housing Authority residents the 2026 Annual Plan and the proposed use of capital fund improvements.

The public notice is for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding the matters which are to be addressed. The information to be reviewed during the public hearing is available at the Housing Authority's main office located at 429 Smith Village, Richmond KY 40475.

--- Public Notice ---

Notice is hereby given that **John Dupuy of 145 Lakeshore Drive, Richmond, KY** has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to raise the existing [residential building finished floor elevation 1 foot above base flood elevation within the 1% annual chance floodplain. The property is located at 3306 Tates Creek Road, approximately 525' east of the Valley View Ferry on the Kentucky River (Pool #9). Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov

Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Ky 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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