

Dear Friends,

I want to thank each of you for making the choice to serve our communities and the Commonwealth as elected officials. I know the decision to enter public service is not an easy one to make.



While public service brings about unique challenges, the reward is being in a position to better the lives of our neighbors and people in our communities. Faith and trust in government is built at the local level, more than at any other level of government. Local government often means making sure the roads our people drive on are safe, or that our kids have usable crosswalks and sidewalks while going to school. It means ensuring that the water that comes out of the tap is clean and safe to drink. It looks like welcoming a new restaurant or business to Main Street, creating new jobs, and bringing more people to town.

Your commitment to our people and our ability to work together has helped make these past four-plus years historic for Kentucky. When a business is looking to invest millions of dollars, they look for up-to-date infrastructure, good schools for their employees' children, and cooperation and engagement from local officials. When we have all of these elements, it makes my job as ambassador for Kentucky a lot easier. When I meet with CEOs, I talk about you, your towns, and our people.

Because of our work, we aren't looking at the same Kentucky anymore. Now, we're looking at our new Kentucky home, where opportunity and prosperity are possible for everyone.

Since the start of my administration, we've celebrated nearly \$32 billion in private investment. That investment has created more than 54,700 jobs, and these are good jobs. The average

incentivized hourly wages in 2022 and 2023 topped \$26 dollars in consecutive years for the first time. We're building the two biggest electric vehicle battery plants on planet earth, and we opened the cleanest, greenest recycled paper mill in the country.

On top of this economic momentum, we've also seen back-to-back record-breaking years for our \$13.8 billion tourism industry. Last year alone more than 79 million visitors traveled from across the globe to see just how special our new Kentucky home is.

Kentucky is on the rise, and we're making sure to lift our neighbors up as we build a brighter future for everyone. We continue to see decreases in overdose deaths. We are now a national leader in recovery beds per-capita. We're reducing our recidivism rate, meaning people are finding opportunity after being incarcerated. These statistics show we believe in second chances, and we remain committed to leading with our values.

While others were divisive, we found a better way – by coming together and getting the job done. With your help, we will continue to break records and create a better home for every community and every family across our new Kentucky home. Hatred and division tear us apart but love and kindness bring us together and make us stronger. Let's lead with love, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Beshear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and last name "Beshear" clearly legible.

Gov. Andy Beshear

## In Loving Memory of Jessica Hill



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Jessica Hill worked at DLG as a federal program specialist. In this role, she oversaw the administration of the Land & Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program. Her job was an extension of her love of nature and preserving outdoor spaces.

Thousands of Kentuckians now, and in the future, will benefit from her work. Even if they don't know it. Jessica was known for her love of nature, and that love showed through her work ethic, which persisted even after her diagnosis of breast cancer. Jessica passed away in March of this year. She was beloved by her coworkers.

Her legacy will be families and children laughing in our parks for years to come.



# 48<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Local Issues Conference

## **Board of Directors**

**Casey Ellis** – Executive Director  
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**Jim Henderson** – Executive Director/CEO  
Kentucky Association of Counties

**Matt Sawyers** – Commissioner  
Department for Local Government

## **General Information**

Conference Name badges are required for all conference functions. Please return your badge to the Registration Desk by 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning to be eligible for prize drawings.

## **Training hours**

County officials may earn up to 12.5 credit hours toward the fulfillment of training requirements outlined in House Bill 810. Proof of attendance (POA) forms will be available at the registration desk. You must return your POA within 60 days to receive credit. KLC training hours have been approved for 9.5 outside credits.

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# **INFORMATION STATIONS**

**Willis Room, August 7-8<sup>th</sup>**

**Local Officials Training Program**

**Kentucky Infrastructure Authority**

**Kentucky National Guard**

**Office of Broadband**

**Kentucky Department of Parks**

**Cabinet for Economic Development (HB 723)**

**Kentucky Public Pensions Authority**

**Kentucky Deferred Compensation**

**Local Infrastructure Hub (National League of Cities)**

# Conference Agenda

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

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|---------------|--|
| 10:00am       | <b>Registration Desk Opens</b>   |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | <b>Kentucky Sheriffs' Association</b><br><i>Nunn Room</i>  |
| 10:30 – 1:00  | <b>Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts</b><br><i>Breathitt Room</i>                         |
| 8:00 – 11:45  | <b>Kentucky Association of County Treasurers &amp; Finance Officers</b><br><i>Combs /Chandler Room</i> |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | <b>Public Administration Specialists</b><br><i>Collins Room</i>  |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | <b>Kentucky Property Valuation Administrator Association</b><br><i>Wilkinson Room</i>                  |

# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Local Issues Conference

## MAIN BALLROOM

**1:00** Opening Ceremony

**Presentation of Colors**

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard

**National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance**

Emily Reed, University of Louisville

**My Old Kentucky Home**

Benjamin Miracle, Former member of the AcoUstikats,  
University of Kentucky

**Welcome**

Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg

**Keynote Speaker**

Lt. Governor Jaqueline Coleman

**Matt Sawyers, Commissioner, Department for Local  
Government**

**Eric Gibson, Director, KY Emergency Management**

**Jeff Noel, Secretary, Cabinet for Economic Development**

**\*\*Break\*\***

*Please join us outside the ballroom for refreshments.*

**3:15 – 4:00**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Community Development Block Grant: Issues and Updates**

- DLG Office of Federal Grants CDBG Staff

Discussion on recurring issues with documentation submitted for CDBG grants and changes within the CDBG Program Guidelines and 2024 Handbook.

**3:15 – 4:00**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**Fiscal Years 2024-2026 (FY24-26) Line-Item Appropriations**

- DLG Office of State Grants

Overview of the Kentucky General Assembly’s 2024 Regular Session line-item appropriations, allocated through DLG’s FY24-26 Biennium Budget. Recipients of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 91 line-item appropriations should attend this workshop for an overview of the grant administration process necessary to ensure timely receipt of funds and administrative compliance.

**3:15 – 4:00**

**NUNN ROOM**

**Economic Development Administration -- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

- H. Phillip Paradise, Atlanta Regional Director, U.S. EDA
- Bertha Partin, Kentucky Economic Development Representative

The workshop will explore the EDA’s funding programs and the impact of EDA investments throughout the state.

**3:15 – 4:00**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Resilience in Action: Creating Kentucky’s Disaster Recovery Framework**

- DJ Wasson, Deputy Secretary, PPC
- Travis Mayo, General Counsel, Office of Gov. Andy Beshear, Chair of the Council for Community Recovery and Resiliency
- Eric Gibson, Director, Kentucky Emergency Management
- Members of the Kentucky Disaster Recovery Framework (KDRF) Planning Team

Leaders of the Council for Community Recovery and Resiliency will lead a discussion where you will discover how Kentucky's disaster recovery capabilities are being enhanced through the development of the Kentucky Disaster Recovery Framework (KDRF). Learn how this reference tool is being designed to improve the effective use of resources and foster collaboration during recovery efforts. You will gain insights into how the KDRF will streamline disaster recovery processes and support leaders in making informed decisions, ensuring a resilient Commonwealth.

**3:15–4:00**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Emerging Issues in Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Law**

- Allyson Taylor, Commissioner, ABC
- Maggie Woods, Distilled Spirits Administrator, ABC
- Scott Tracy, Malt Beverage Administrator, ABC
- Kellie Lovan, Director of Licensing, ABC

The Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will overview emerging issues in the law, including HB 439 from the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

**4:15 – 5:00**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Recreational Trails Program and Land & Water Conservation Fund**

- Travis Weber, Branch Manager, DLG
- Kara Campbell, Federal Program Specialist, DLG

DLG staff will go over the requirements, potential changes and eligibility for applicants for both LWCF and RTP Grants.

**4:15 – 5:00**

**NUNN ROOM**

**County Debt**

- DLG Staff

Exploring all the options local entities have when going into debt, and outline the requirements set forth by the State Local Debt Officer.

**4:15 – 5:00**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Ask the Attorneys (Repeated session)**

- Matt Stephens, General Counsel, DLG
- Brandon Gibson, Staff Attorney, DLG
- Natalie Lile, Assistant General Counsel, KIA

This panel of legal representatives will discuss a variety of legal topics of interest to local governments and take questions from the audience.

**4:15 – 5:00**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**A Tale of Two Futures: AI Innovations vs. Cybersecurity Challenges for Small Business**

- Kevin Norvell, Program Coordinator, Kentucky Small Business Development Center

Explore the dynamic intersection of AI and Cybersecurity in this engaging workshop. This session will demystify how AI can drive growth and innovation, creating new opportunities and efficiencies. Simultaneously, we will address the critical cybersecurity challenges that businesses and organizations face, providing practical, budget-friendly strategies to protect your business.

**5:00-6:00**

**SAMPSON ROOM**

**Judge Executives/Magistrates/Commissioners Social**

Hosted by: KY County Judge Executives Association and KY Magistrates & Commissioners Association

**7:30**

Hospitality Suite hosted by HMB and S&ME

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**7:30 – 8:30**

**EXHIBIT HALL AREA -- Grab & Go Breakfast**

**8:30 – 9:15**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Delta Regional Authority: Funding Programs & Initiatives**

- Jakob Marsh, Capacity-Building Program Analyst, DRA
- Daniel Musgrave, Critical Infrastructure Program Analyst, DRA
- Cheyton Pendley, Workforce Program Analyst, DRA

DRA serves as a formal framework for federal-state collaboration to promote and encourage economic development in the lower Mississippi River and Alabama Black Belt regions. DRA's service area encompasses 252 counties and parishes across 8 states, including 21 counties within western Kentucky. An overview of DRA's funding programs will be provided.

**8:30 – 9:15**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**Our New Kentucky Home: DLG has a new website!**

- DLG Staff

Staff from DLG will provide a walkthrough of the Phase 1 changes to the DLG website, and future changes on the horizon. Demonstration of the county employee training program. A review of the Kentucky e-Clearinghouse's most common problems will be provided.



**8:30 – 9:15**

**NUNN ROOM**

**Kentucky Division of Waste Management Grants and EPA SWIFR Grant Updates**

- Lisa G. Evans, Environmental Scientist Consultant, Kentucky Division of Waste Management

Update on grants available through the Division of Waste Management with emphasis on Litter. Also, an update on the EPA SWIFR Grant including the upcoming training meetings, conference and preparing the Statewide Plan.

**8:30 – 9:15**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Disaster Recovery: Now What Do We Do?**

- Nick Cook, Grants Manager, City of Bowling Green
- Brent Childers, Director, Neighborhood & Community Services Department

Lessons learned from a municipality following the aftermath of an EF1 and EF2 tornado that took the lives of 17 people, severely damaged 500 housing units, and over 100 businesses. The presenters will share disaster preparation, response, and recovery experiences while providing insight on leveraging disaster-funding opportunities to address related community development and housing issues.

**8:30 – 9:15**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**City Compliance Calendar and Upcoming Requirements**

- Tammy Vernon, DLG, Cities and Special Districts Branch Manager
- Keeaira Lail, DLG, Local Government Advisor for Cities
- Rebecca Morton, DLG, Local Government Advisor for Cities

Join us for a concise and impactful presentation on navigating city compliance and upcoming requirements per KRS 91A.040 and KRS 65.900. Discover best practices for maintaining compliance and avoiding the risk of halted state funds. Ensure your municipality remains compliant and continues to receive state funding. Don't miss this vital information!

**9:30 – 10:15**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Kentucky's Housing Supply Gap: County-by-County Numbers**

- Wendy K. Smith, Deputy Executive Director, Housing Programs, KHC

Kentucky needs more housing to address current need and meet demand from economic growth. Kentucky Housing Corporation recently commissioned a county-by-county analysis of the need for homeownership, and rental units across all income levels. This session will present the data and discuss how local government can play a key role in addressing their housing gap.

**9:30 – 10:15**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority & Kentucky Ohio River Regional Recreation Authority – What you need to know.**

- DLG Staff
- Lara Pack, Board Secretary, First Frontier Appalachian Trails, KMRRA

Discussion will begin on the two recreation authorities, then the floor will be open up for questions. Update on Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority and how it promotes the recreational trail systems throughout the region. Discussion of the establishment of the Kentucky Ohio River Regional Recreation Authority, its mission, who can participate, and how to start.

**9:30 – 10:15**

**NUNN ROOM**

**Parks in Your Community**

- Russ Meyer, Commissioner, Kentucky State Parks

Commissioner Meyer will highlight the beauty of Kentucky’s State Parks, as well as exciting ongoing projects in parks and campgrounds. The presentation will cover the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kentucky’s State Parks and talk about all the many ways you can celebrate with friends and family. Whether you are a hiker, biker, golfer, spelunker, trail wanderer, birder, angler, kayaker, or canoer, no matter where you are in Kentucky, there is a park near you!

**9:30 – 10:15**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Overview of Electric Vehicle Charging Program**

- Justin Harrod, KYTC, EV Project Manager

Provide an overview of how Team Kentucky is utilizing the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program funding to build out a reliable, accessible, convenient, and affordable EV charging network that supports transportation choices, energy diversification, economic development, and environmental sustainability for all Kentuckians.

**9:30 – 10:15**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Ask the Attorneys**

- Matt Stephens, General Counsel, Department for Local Government
- Brandon Gibson, Staff Attorney, Department for Local Government
- Natalie Lile, Assistant General Counsel, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
- Morgain Patterson, Director of Municipal Law, Kentucky League of Cities

This panel of legal representatives will discuss a variety of legal topics of interest to local governments and take questions from the audience.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Federal Grants: Let's Dig Deeper**

- DLG Federal Grants Staff

The session will focus more on the following programs: Recovery Housing, CDBG-Economic Development and CDBG-Disaster Recovery. There will also be an overview of changes coming to the CDBG guidelines.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**Section 106 Planning and Progress**

- Nicole Konkol, Site Protection Program Administrator, Kentucky Heritage Council

We will share a brief overview of our agency and its programs. Our goal is to assist Kentuckians who are required to meet compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act in understanding more about how they can get their reviews through our agency more efficiently and in-line with funding cycles. We will provide a deep dive into what a Section 106 review entails and why we require the information we do. There will be time for questions and comments. Ideas are welcome on how to make our processes clearer for applicants throughout the Commonwealth.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**NUNN ROOM**

**State Grant Programs & LGEDF Coal Severance Modifications & Updates**

- Aaron Jones, DLG, Office of State Grants Branch Manager
- Wendy Thompson, DLG, Local Government Advisor

Overview of Office of State Grant programs, administrative guidelines, and updates. Programs include Coal & Mineral Severance (Local Government Economic Development Fund – (LGEDF), (Local Government Economic Assistance Fund – (LGEAF), Regional Development Agency Assistance Program (RDAAP), Flood Control - Local Match Participation Program (LMPP). Please note important, upcoming LGEDF modifications to program guidelines. Administrative guidance for your county to ensure quick turnaround for your grant and meet the team that makes it happen.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Legal & Regulatory Updates on Medical Cannabis in Kentucky (Repeated session)**

- Sam Flynn, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Medical Cannabis
- Alyssa Erickson, Director of Education & Outreach, Kentucky Office of Medical Cannabis

Overview of the latest legal and regulatory updates regarding medical cannabis in Kentucky and what to expect January 2025.

**10:30 – 11:15**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Applying for a Loan for Water and Sewer Projects**

- KIA Staff

This session will discuss how to apply for low-interest loans from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to finance water and wastewater projects. We will discuss the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan funds, our Fund B and Fund C state loan programs, and the new Kentucky WWATERS program.

**11:30 – 12:15**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**State Board of Elections (SBE)/Ky County Clerks Association (KCCA) – Responsibilities for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, General Election**

- Karen Sellers, Executive Director, SBE
- Taylor Brown, General Counsel, SBE
- Richard House, Assistant Director, SBE
- Rachel Poynter, Director of Finance and Administration, SBE
- Tabatha Clemons, Grant County Clerk/KCCA

As with all elections, SBE and KCCA believe the November 5, 2024 General Election is important, and that the voter turnout will be significant. There is much preparation needed by SBE and the County Clerks to meet deadlines to ensure the election is secure and safe for all, particularly the voters and election officials. The purpose of this workshop is to share the important role all Counties play in the election cycle.

**11:30 – 12:15**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**Open Records Management**

- Morgain Patterson, KLC, Director of Municipal Law

This session will provide an update on the Kentucky Open Records Acts, including recent statutory changes, enforcement methods, compliance issues, and rules and regulations local governments should have in place to fulfill its statutory obligations.

**11:30 – 12:15**

**NUNN ROOM**

**Building Your Local Tourism Economy**

- Mike Mangeot, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Tourism (KDT)
- Kimberly Gester, Director of Tourism Development, KDT

Introduction to the Department of Tourism and the impact of tourism on the state economy, and local economies. We will also present information on the Tourism Development Act incentive program.

**11:30 – 12:15**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

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- Alyssa Erickson, Kentucky Office of Medical Cannabis, Director of Education & Outreach

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**11:30 – 12:15**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Navigating Funding for Rural Roads & Bridges**

- Bobbi Jo Lewis, Commissioner, Department of Rural & Municipal Aid, KYTC

Current updates on Contingency funding, County Priority Projects funding, County/Bridge Improvement funding, and Rural Secondary funding for Emergency Funds, 80/20 Bridge funds, FLEX funds, and Cooperative funds. Governmental Field Service Representatives will be available for questions and assistance as well.

**12:30 – 1:45**

**MAIN BALLROOM**

**Governor's Luncheon**

**Peggy Satterly Award Spirit of Kentucky Award Presentation**

Rocky Adkins, Senior Advisor to the Governor

**Keynote Speaker**

Governor Andy Beshear

**2:00 – 2:45**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Tips for Using Your KIA Grant Dollars**

- KIA Staff

This session will provide helpful information on how to use the Cleaner Water Program Grant funding and how to apply for KY WWATERS funding.

**2:00 – 2:45**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**SPGE Compliance Calendar and Upcoming Requirements**

- Tammy Vernon, DLG, Cities and Special Districts Branch Manager
- Keeaira Lail, DLG, Local Government Advisor for Cities
- Rebecca Morton, Local Government Advisor for Cities

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**2:00 – 2:45**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**G.R.A.N.T. Program of 2024 Update**

- Katie Smith, Deputy Secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (CED)
- Kylee Palmer, Director of Program Administration Division, CED
- Joseph Gearon, Program Manager, CED

House Bill 723 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly created the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (G.R.A.N.T.) Program of 2024 that provides a unique opportunity to make state funding available to qualifying organizations to help meet the required non-federal share/match for federal grant program applications.

**2:00 – 2:45**

**NUNN ROOM**

**Branch Update & Ask Your Advisors**

- DLG Counties Branch Staff

We will provide updates to the operations of our branch and staff, as well as answering frequently asked questions pertaining to budgets, tax rates, fee offices, debt, and training credits.

**2:00 – 2:45**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Appalachian Regional Commission: For Your Information**

- DLG Staff

A breakdown of the different types of ARC grants available and what to know after your grant has been awarded.

**3:00 – 3:45**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**Navigating Rural Development Disaster Funding & Rural Partners Network**

- Kimberly McCay, Program Director, USDA Rural Development
- Rachel Chambers, Community Liaison, USDA Rural Development

Overview of the existing opportunities for Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Funding within Rural Development and learning about other opportunities with Federal Partners.

**3:00 – 3:45**

## **CLEMENTS ROOM**

### **Building Bridges to Strengthen Kentucky’s Workforce**

- Aaron Poynter, Director, Reentry and Employment Services Branch, Kentucky Office of Adult Education/Education and Labor Cabinet

Attendees will learn the efforts being spearheaded by the Reentry and Employment Services Branch (RES) to positively impact Kentucky’s workforce, reduce recidivism, and strengthen our communities. The presentation will highlight successful, replicable programming taking place across the Commonwealth through the alignment of State, Regional and Local Resources. Attendees will learn immediate actionable steps to engage with the RES Branch to begin addressing key issues in local communities.

**3:00 – 3:45**

## **NUNN ROOM**

### **Infrastructure Investments in Kentucky**

- Brandon Howard, Director, Kentucky Division of Forestry
- Sarah Gaddis, Director, Kentucky Division of Water
- Kenya Stump, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Energy Policy

Join representatives from the Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet as they discuss opportunities and dive into how your community can utilize historic dollars from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). If your community has energy efficiency or forestry projects to fund – or water projects that involve emerging contaminants, lead service lines, and green infrastructure, this session will help identify funding opportunities and the contacts you need to get started.

**3:00 – 3:45**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Kentucky Public Pensions Authority: Tier 1 Presentation**

- Jody Carson, Retirement Program Manager, KPPA
- James Isaacs, Retirement Benefit Consultant, KPPA

Overview of the pension and an insurance benefit unique to members with an initial participation date prior to September 1, 2008.

**3:00 – 3:45**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Build America, Buy America: What BABA Means for Your Project**

- Natalie Lile, Assistant General Counsel, KIA
- Christy Richie, Local Government Advisor, DLG

An overview and explanation of how the Build America, Buy America Act affects the KIA and DLG projects.

**4:00 – 4:45**

**BREATHITT ROOM**

**USDA Rural Development Program & Funds Overview**

- Kimberly McCay, Program Director, USDA Rural Development
- Blaine Barnes, Program Director, USDA Rural Development
- Scott Mass, Program Director, USDA Rural Development

Overview of the Rural Housing Program, Rural Business Program and Community Facility and Water Environmental Programs.

**4:00 – 4:45**

**CLEMENTS ROOM**

**How to Win Federal Infrastructure Dollars for Your Community**

- Katie Dailinger, Project Director of the Local Infrastructure Hub, National League of Cities

Learn about the Local Infrastructure Hub, a free online resource available to all small and medium-size cities. These free trainings teach cities how to write, strong and competitive applications for federal infrastructure grants. So far, 90 communities have won over \$220 million dollars. Most participating and winning city staff have no grant-writing experience yet find success through the program.

**4:00 – 4:45**

**NUNN ROOM**

**Brownfield Basics: Understanding the Fundamentals of Redevelopment**

- Kiersten O’Leary, Environmental Education Specialist, Kentucky Brownfield Program
- Derek Bozzell, Environmental Control Manager, Kentucky Brownfield Program

Does your community have blighted downtown buildings, old schools or hospitals, former dry-cleaning establishments, former factories, and other abandoned sites? Brownfield funding can help you transform a community problem into an opportunity for economic or social benefit. Join the Kentucky Brownfield Program staff as they talk about resources, including unprecedented cleanup monies through infrastructure funding to identify, remediate, and redevelop properties with an environmental past.

**4:00 – 4:45**

**CARROLL/FORD ROOM**

**Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program “BEAD”**

- Meghan Sandfoss, Executive Director, Office of Broadband Development
- Charles “Chip” Span, Federal Program Officer, Kentucky & West Virginia, National Telecommunications & Information Administration

The Office of Broadband Development is the central broadband planning and coordination entity of Kentucky. This workshop will discuss developing, coordinating, administering, and implementing Kentucky’s broadband deployment fund, improving broadband accessibility for unserved and underserved communities, promoting job creation, innovation, and expanded markets for Kentucky businesses.

**4:00 – 4:45**

**COMBS/CHANDLER ROOM**

**Kentucky National Guard Update**

- Major General Haldane B. Lamberton, Kentucky National Guard

Overview of current and future strategic lines of effort, and a year in review highlighting key state and federal accomplishments.

**5:30 – 7:30**

**Muhammad Ali Center (Staff will direct and assist you)**

**Commissioner's Reception**

Please join Commissioner Matt Sawyers and the DLG staff to celebrate the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Local Issues Conference. A hosted bar and appetizers will be provided and drink tickets for the event are in your badge holder.

**7:30**

Hospitality Suite hosted by Commonwealth Engineering, Inc.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

**MAIN BALLROOM**

7:30 – 9:30      **Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 – 8:45      **Kentucky Electric Co-op**

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9:00 – 10:00      **Media Panel**

- Logan Fogle, Moderator
- Al Cross, Panelist
- Bill Bartleman, Panelist
- Jack Brammer, Panelist
- Pat Crowley, Panelist

10:30 – 10:50 **Mark Pope, Head Coach, University of Kentucky  
Men's Basketball**

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**Door prizes provided by Kentucky's ADDs**

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