

KENTUCKY'S AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

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REGIONALISM



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WHAT IS AN AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT?

An Area Development District (ADD) functions as a council of governments, comprising an association of city and county governments. These local governments constitute the membership and appoint representatives to serve on the respective governing boards. The staff of the ADD operate on behalf of, and in service to, these member governments.



HISTORICAL BENCHMARKS

1967

Executive Order 67-233 established the ADD boundaries.

1971

Executive Order 71-1267 established the ADDs as official planning and development agencies for districts

1972

KRS Chapter 147A, enabling legislation passed establishing ADDs as public agencies and creating the organizational structure

1974

Six ADDs (Northern Kentucky, Purchase, Pennyrite, Green River, KIPDA, and Barren River) are designated Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The remaining 9 ADDs received the designation in 1975.

ADD GOVERNANCE

Kentucky's Area Development Districts can be described as “for local government by local government” because their structure and function are fundamentally driven by the needs and direct participation of the counties and cities they serve.

The governing board of each ADD are primarily composed of elected officials from the local governments within their respective districts. This includes county judge/executives and mayors. This direct representation ensures that the priorities and concerns of local communities are at the forefront of the ADDs' agenda.

OUR MISSION
TO PRESERVE AND ADVANCE THE QUALITY
OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING FOR
THE CITIZENS OF THE BRADD THROUGH
REGIONAL COLLABORATION.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Each of Kentucky's 15 ADDs supports:

- **Infrastructure and Economic Planning:** Creating regional economic strategies (CEDs), supporting local planning/zoning.
- **Technical Assistance:** Providing guidance and expertise to local governments.
- **Grant Writing & Funding Support:** Identifying resources and assisting with grant applications, including
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
 - Delta Regional Authority (DRA)
 - FEMA Grants (Firefighters, Hazard Mitigation, Homeland Security)
 - Recreational Trails & Land/Water Conservation Funds
 - Transportation Alternatives Program
 - Crumb Rubber Grants



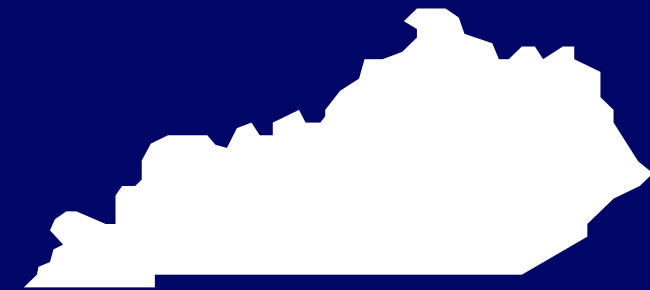
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STATEWIDE IMPACT

1,887

PROJECTS

totaling \$3,313,319,557.76



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REGIONAL PROJECTS

totaling \$557,836,068

835 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Projects Prioritized through Water Management Councils

AGING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- **Area Agencies on Aging (AAA):** Coordinate and deliver services to older adults and people with disabilities.
- **Service Delivery & Information:**
 - Nutrition programs (meal delivery)
 - Independent living assistance (transportation, homemaking)
 - Health promotion (screenings, disease prevention)
 - Caregiver support (training, respite care)
 - Central information/referral point for community resources
- **Planning & Advocacy:** Assess regional needs, identify service gaps, and advocate for resources.
- **Funding Opportunities:** Connect communities to funding sources for healthcare and aging initiatives.



STATEWIDE IMPACT



2,200,845

Home Delivered Meals



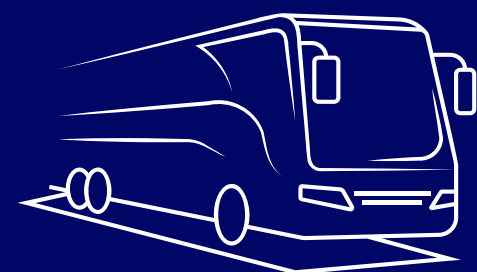
1,008,813

Congregate Meals Served



6,148

Seniors Receiving Legal Aid



264,863

Transportation Trips



22,032

In-Home Services Provided



12,338

Grandparent/Caregiver Services Provided



MOREHEAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT

REGIONAL SUCCESS STORY

The Gateway Area Development District (GADD) served as project administrator for the Morehead Utility Plant Board's Water Treatment Plant, which opened its doors earlier this year. The plant moved the raw water intake from the Licking River to Cave Run Lake. The facility dramatically expands the area's water treatment capacity, improves water quality, and strengthens the reliability of service across the region.

The treatment plant serves a total of eight counties—expanding beyond GADD's footprint—impacting the everyday lives of 60,335 residents, 2,028 businesses, and 31 industries. The plant has the capacity to treat 12 million gallons of water per day with room to grow.