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Happy New Year!

We are thankful for all our partners that provide programs committed to creating opportunities for every resident of Knox County to thrive in an engaged and vibrant community. We look forward to continuing in 2024 and building new partnerships.

UPCOMING DATES

1/15/2024

December invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

Quarter 2 invoices and reports are due for Defined Service and SLFRF (ARPA) subrecipients.

~ 1/17 - 2/25/2024: Knox County CDBG funding applications open.

2/15/2024: January invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

3/15/2024: February invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

Congratulations, Jessica!



Our very own Jessica Lindbom was recognized by Mayor Glenn Jacobs as one of Knox County's December *Employees of the Month*. Jessica is a Grant Program Manager that works with grant funded utility projects in the Community Development Division. Check out one of the projects below!

Infrastructure Project: Knox Chapman Utility District

Project partners and Knox County continue to make progress with infrastructure projects funded through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

A recently completed project by Knox Chapman Utility District consisted of a water main installation along Kimberlin Heights Road, from Old French Road to E. Hendrons Chapel Road. Approximately 9,200 linear feet of 16-inch water main was installed to connect two existing 16-inch water mains. This project will help reduce the electrical pumping costs and relieve pressure on the operating plant to provide safe, clean drinking water to the area. Knox County provided funding towards this improvement and a larger project that included a new Force Main and Pump Station near Johnson University.



Workshop Recap: Navigating Federal Funding: Are You Prepared?

Thank you to all who attended our workshop “Navigating Federal Funding: Are You Prepared?” We had over 30 different agencies attend on December 7th. If you weren’t able to attend or would like to access the information presented, the presentation slides can be found [here](#).

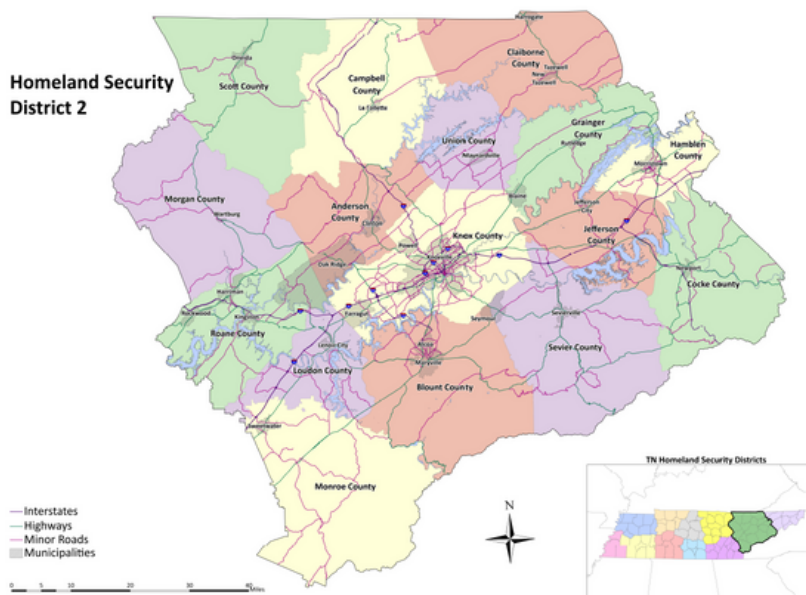
Eviction Prevention Program

Knox County has been working with United Way of Greater Knoxville, Community Mediation Center, Centro Hispano de East Tennessee, C.O.N.N.E.C.T Ministries, Knoxville Area Urban League, KLF's Compassion Coalition, and Legal Aid of East Tennessee on Knox County's Eviction Prevention Program. This program works with partners to prevent evictions by strengthening housing stability with financial assistance, legal representation, case management, counseling, and access to coordinated funding. Funding for this program has been provided by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and U.S. Department of Treasury. Since launching on November 15th, almost \$1 million in funding has been disbursed to keep Knox County residents safely housed. Program information can be found at <https://knoxhousingassistance.org/>.



TN Homeland Security District 2 receives the FEMA Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant

Knox County and TN Homeland Security District 2 have been awarded a 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant (RCPG). The RCPG Program helps strengthen the core capabilities needed to make sure the district is secure and can bounce back from catastrophic disasters. The 2023 grant will support increasing long-term housing stability in disadvantaged communities by developing a regional response program focused on addressing the post-disaster needs of those communities. The district's 16 counties will work to assess regional gaps in affordable housing stock and vulnerabilities within disadvantaged communities. Upon identifying those gaps, funds will support training and exercise opportunities across all sectors to address those needs, creating a whole community approach. This project will ensure emergency, interim, and long-term housing is available to serve the needs of populations that have significantly higher negative impacts during catastrophic events.



Upcoming Funding Opportunities: Knox County CDBG Funds

KCGCD will be opening applications for Community Development Block Grant funding through Knox County in mid-January. Applications will be available in three categories: Construction & Infrastructure, Housing Stability Services, and Public Services.

CDBG funds support community development projects with a focus of building stronger and more resilient communities. Projects must benefit low-to-moderate-income individuals and households. Keep an eye out for applications details on the [KCGCD website](#).