



KNOX COUNTY
TENNESSEE
GRANTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

KNOX COUNTY MAYOR

Glenn Jacobs

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION

District 1 — Dasha Lundy

District 2 — Courtney Durrett

District 3 — Gina Oster, Vice Chair

District 4 — Kyle Ward

District 5 — John Schoonmaker

District 6 — Terry Hill, Chair

District 7 — Rhonda Lee

District 8 — Richie Beeler

District 9 — Carson Dailey

At Large Seat 10 — Larsen Jay

At Large Seat 11 — Kim Frazier

GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ADMINISTRATION

Our Administrative Division is responsible for managing financial and information technology resources, internal and external reporting, and other administrative functions required for the day-to-day operations of the department.

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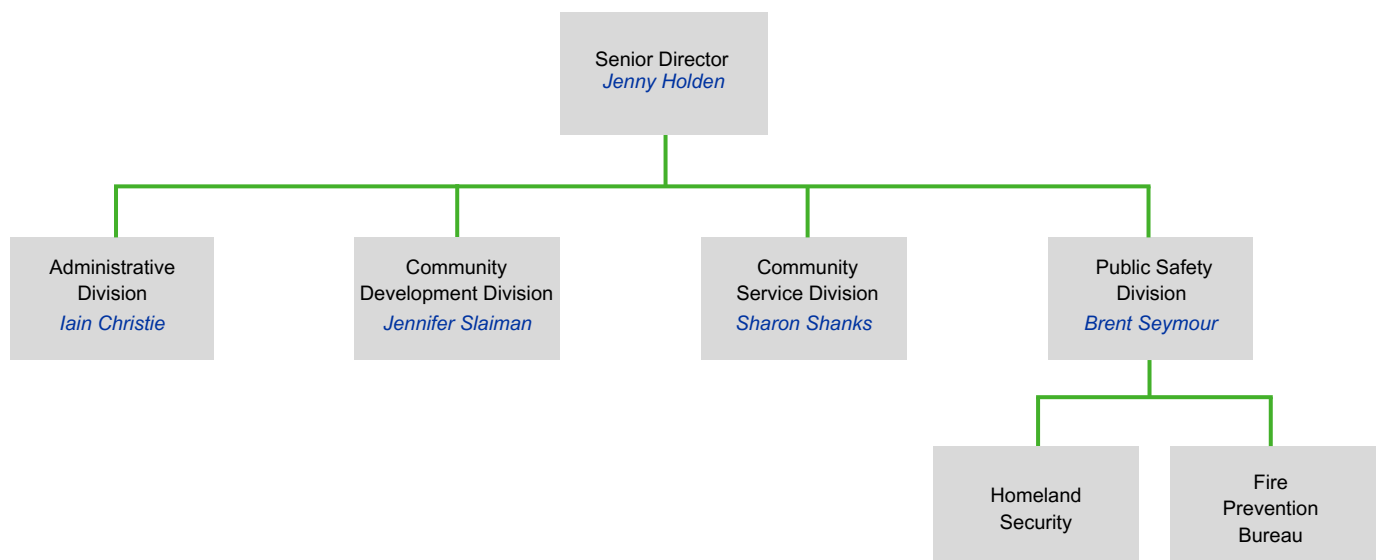
Our Community Service Division oversees public service projects and programs focused on housing stability, workforce development, opioid response, and other public services that improve the quality of life for Knox County residents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our Community Development Division manages projects focused on attaining and maintaining affordable housing, improving public facilities and infrastructure, and supporting economic growth in Knox County.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Our Public Safety Division oversees Knox County's Fire and Technical Rescue program, the Fire Prevention Bureau, and administers the TN Homeland Security District 2 Office, serving Knox County and the surrounding fifteen counties.



FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

MANAGING \$165,000,000 IN GRANT FUNDS

\$8,842,424

Local Dollars

\$74,329,960

Federal Grant Funds

\$81,729,244

State Pass-through Grants

Knox County and TN Homeland Security District 2 were awarded a **\$911,354** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant (RCPG) to increase long-term post-disaster housing stability.

KCGCD rolled out its first opioid settlement funding grants, committing **\$14.2 million** to area non-profits and organizations combating the opioid crisis over the next three years.

KCGCD secured two new state passthrough grants, a **\$125,000** U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in support of Rapid Re-Housing efforts and a **\$100,000** U.S. Dept. of Treasury Broadband Ready Community grant to provide digital literacy courses.

KCGCD has partnered with Knox County Probation to administer **\$1.3 million** in U.S. Dept. of Justice Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program (COOSUP) funds.

IMPACT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 8** Utility Projects Completed
- 13** Affordable Housing Units Constructed
- 44** Homes Rehabilitated

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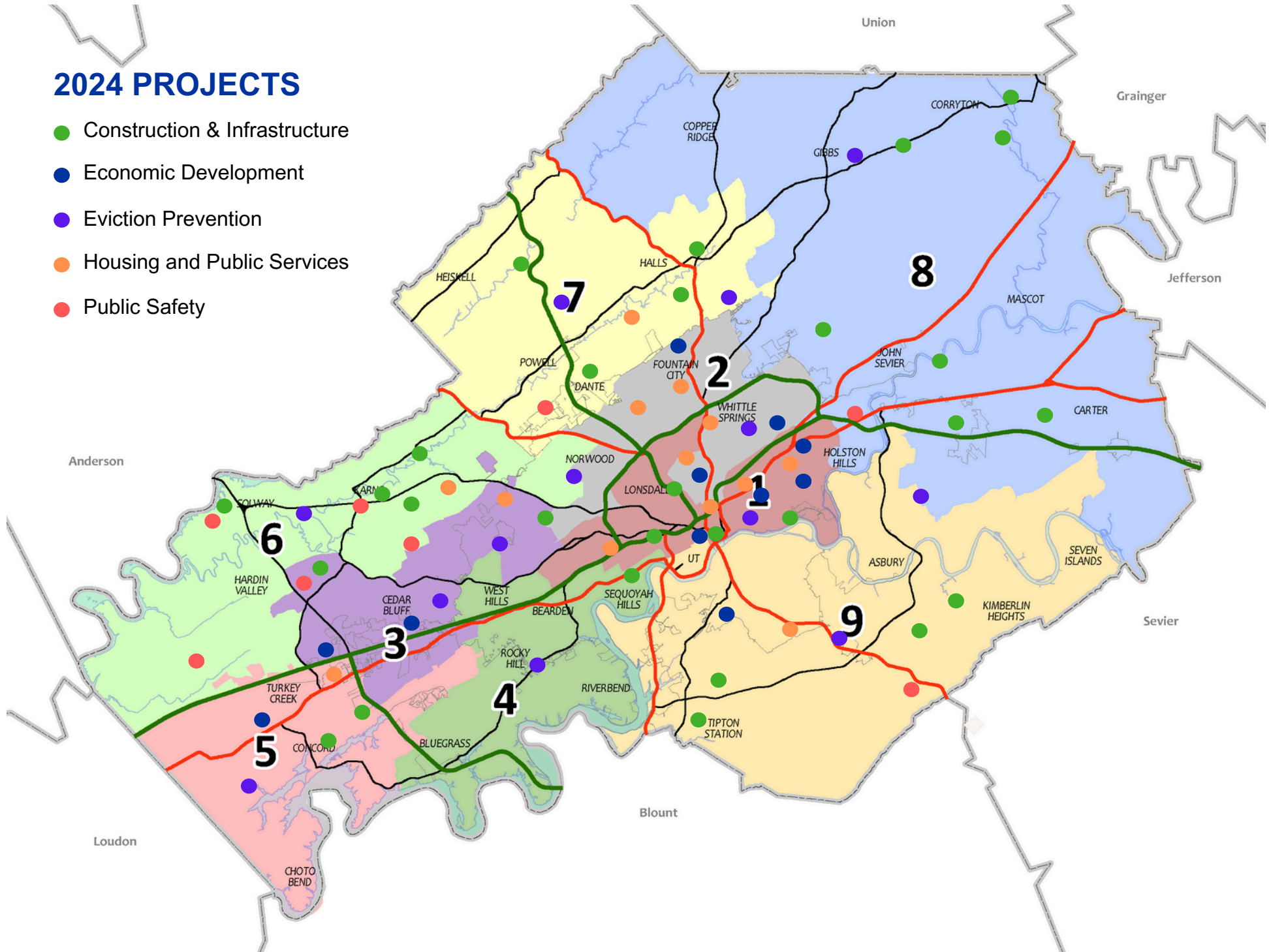
- 6,327** Individuals Provided Health Services
- 12,492** Individuals & Households Provided Housing Stability Services
- 14,035** Youth Reached Through Public Service Programs

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 129** Fire Investigations
- 211** Community Risk Reduction Events
- 5,027** Fire Safety Building Inspections

2024 PROJECTS

- Construction & Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Eviction Prevention
- Housing and Public Services
- Public Safety



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

KCGCD is dedicated to seeking and effectively utilizing local, state, and federal funding to support programs that create opportunities for every resident to thrive.

METRO DRUG COALITION THE GATEWAY

Phase II of Metro Drug Coalition's The Gateway opened in Spring 2024. The expanded recovery community center now features a coffee shop, recovery library, and recreation area. Knox County provided **\$875,000** in U.S. Dept. of Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to support this vital community resource.



FIRST UTILITY DISTRICT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

First Utility began upgrades to two Wastewater Treatment Plants (WTPP), Knox County supported the project with **\$10,060,000** in SLFRF funding. Upgrades to the Turkey Creek WTPP include a new UV disinfection system, a new water pump station, and upgrades to effluent piping. This will allow for improved safety, decrease operational costs, and enhance capacity; essential for accommodating population growth.



TN HOMELAND SECURITY DISTRICT 2 FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE

The District 2 Complex Coordinated Terror Attack (CCTA) Functional Exercise, held in July of 2023, aimed to prepare the district for simultaneous terror threats across its 16 counties. A total of **284** participants tested their response capabilities, command establishment, and inter-agency communication. The exercise, supported by FEMA's National Exercise Division, the TN Emergency Management Agency, the TN Office of Homeland Security, and local emergency agencies helped identify strengths and improvement areas through scenario updates.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ELLEN'S GLEN

The availability of affordable homeownership options is crucial for meeting the housing needs within the county. Habitat for Humanity completed construction on **13** of the **34** planned affordable homes in their Ellen's Glen development. Knox County provided HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and SLFRF funding to support essential infrastructure in the development.



EVICITION PREVENTION RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Knox County received **\$40 million** in Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funding from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency to help prevent evictions and keep households that rent stably housed. Since November 2023, we have provided **3,070** renters in Knox County with **\$14,154,925** in rent, utility, or other necessary assistance.

2024 PARTNERS

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| Angelic Ministries | Freedom Village of Hope | Mental Health Association of East TN |
| Arts & Cultural Alliance | Friends of Literacy | Metro Drug Coalition |
| Asian Culture Center | Hallsdale-Powell Utility District | Muse Knoxville |
| Beck Cultural Exchange Center | Homesource East Tennessee | Neighborhood Housing, Inc. |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of East TN | InterFaith Health Center | Northeast Knox Utility District |
| Boys & Girls Club of the TN Valley | Karns Volunteer Fire Department | Raising a Voice |
| Bridge Refugee Services | Keep Knoxville Beautiful | The Restoration House |
| Canvas Can Do Miracles | Knox-Chapman Utility District | Rural Metro Fire |
| Centro Hispano de East Tennessee | Knox County Public Defenders | Sacred Ground Hospice House |
| Childhelp | Knox County Rescue | Second Harvest Food Bank |
| Community Mediation Center | Knoxville Area Urban League | SEED |
| Compassion Coalition | Knoxville Chamber | Seymour Volunteer Fire Department |
| C.O.N.N.E.C.T Ministries | Knoxville Habitat for Humanity | United Way — 211 |
| Connection Center | Knoxville-Knox County CAC | University of Tennessee, Knoxville |
| Disabled American Veterans | Knoxville Leadership Foundation | Volunteer Ministry Center |
| East TN Community Design Center | Knoxville Utilities Board | West Knox Utility District |
| ETN Economic Development Agency | Legacy Parks Foundation | Women's Basketball Hall of Fame |
| Emerald Youth Foundation | Legal Aid of East Tennessee | Young-Williams Animal Center |
| Epilepsy Foundation of East TN | Luttrell-Blaine-Corryton Utility | YWCA Knoxville & TN Valley |
| Farragut West Knox Chamber | McNabb Center | Zoo Knoxville |
| First Utility District | The Mend House | |