

New Grants Awarded 2024-2025

Grants Totaling \$2,016,289 sorted by Strategic Focus Area

Economic Development

Consistently ranked by the community as the number one area of need for the County, the Foundation believes that successful economic development efforts will impact the community by providing employment, increased population and tax base, meaningful work, and community pride. In addition to the Community Development and Workforce Education grants below which play a key role in setting the stage for economic development, the Foundation partners with Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance to support additional economic development efforts.

Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Operations 25-26: previously Awarded \$175,000	Awarded in prior year
Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Matching Funding 25-26: previously awarded \$125,000	Awarded in prior year
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Regional Workforce Training Center Purchase	\$ 200,000
Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Tourism Attraction Signage for Bard Distillery	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commissions	Support for WKY Film Commission Membership	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission	KY State Fair 2025 - Muhlenberg Booth	\$ 3,000

Community Development & Quality of Place

Quality of place is a key element in retaining and attracting residents and businesses to Muhlenberg County. New grant funding to support projects which provide engaging activities, inviting spaces, and other quality-of-life enhancements are included below.

Greater Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	GMPRS Facility Upkeep & Maintenance 2024-25	\$ 75,000
Greater Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	GMPRS Ops Matching Grant	\$ 50,000
Greater Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Parks Opeartions (\$250k for 24-25 awarded previously)	Awarded in prior year
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Morgan Lane Ballpark Updates phase2	\$ 48,673
UK Cooperative Extension Service	Rails to Trails Safety/Enhancements	\$ 29,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Rails to Trails Nature Pavillion	\$ 5,000
Trees Team	Rewilding in Greenville	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County High School	MCHS Baseball Paddock	\$ 8,000
Cleaton Missionary Baptist Church	Terri Vick Park Memorial & Upgrades	\$ 7,500
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Weir Ballpark Updates	\$ 6,750
Paradise Historical Park Committee	Paradise Historical Park Entrance Gates	\$ 5,862
City of Powderly	Park & Street Improvements	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center	Sitting Area on Lake at GMPRS	\$ 2,750
City of Greenville	Greenville City Park Tree Planting	\$ 1,750
Felix E. Martin Jr. Hall	Martin Hall Staffing (\$115k for 24-25 awarded previously)	Awarded in prior year
Felix E. Martin Jr. Hall	Pipe & Drape Purchase	\$ 2,000
Merle Travis Music Center	Technology Essentials	\$ 20,000
Central City Tourism/Old National Bank	Downtown Mural (2nd Street CC)	\$ 13,500
City of Greenville	Mural on Main (131 N Main Street)	\$ 25,000
City of Central City	Central City Community-Wide Cleanup	\$ 10,000
City of Drakesboro	Drakesboro Community-Wide Cleanup	\$ 10,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	South Carrollton Community Center Refresh	\$ 10,000
Beechmont Missionary Baptist Church	Beechmont Cleanup Day 2025	\$ 2,000
Cleaton Missionary Baptist Church	Cleaton Cleanup Day 2025	\$ 3,800
City of Greenville	Deep Clean Downtown + Flag Pole Banners	\$ 10,000
Muhlenberg County Agriculture Center	Outdoor Arena Revamp	\$ 16,000
Hickory Hills Subdivision	Hickory Hills Welcome Area	\$ 1,250
Twin Hills Subdivision	Twin Hills Triangle Nature Area	\$ 4,415
Greenville Elementary School	Gardens, Pollinator Spaces, and More	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Midland, Millport, S. Carrollton Community Centers	\$ 23,350
MC Reg Disaster Resource Facility	Facility Signage Improvement	\$ 4,500
PACS Senior Center Muhlenberg	Senior Center Pressure Washing	\$ 1,385
The Renaissance Center	Renaissance Center Signage	\$ 800
Muhlenberg County Humane Society	Spay & Neuter Days	\$ 5,000

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QUALITY EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Foundation is committed to seeking and supporting opportunities that will prepare residents for skilled jobs and create a pipeline of qualified workforce for current and future industries in Muhlenberg County. Grants below include support for adult, school-age, and early childhood educational programs, including youth enrichment activities outside the classroom.

Muhlenberg County Board of Education	Paxton Patterson Career Exploration Labs for schools	\$ 100,000
SOAR Early Childhood Program	SOAR Early Childhood Program activities in 2024-2025	\$ 203,500
SOAR Early Childhood Program	SOAR Early Childhood Program staffing 2024-2025	Awarded in prior year
Muhlenberg County Board of Education	SOAR Office Space 2024-2025	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County Public Libraries	Imagination Library Program 2024-2025	\$ 17,000
Muhlenberg Achieves / Ignite	Postsecondary Success Programs in 2025-2026	\$ 145,000
Muhlenberg County Board of Education	Prgm Mgr for Ignite & Middle School Prgms FY26-28	\$ 195,000
Muhlenberg County Board of Education	Student Transport for Muhl Achieves & Ignite	\$ 70,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Muhlenberg Achieves Office Space at MEGA Center	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County High School	KY College Coach 2025-2026	\$ 9,000
Muhlenberg County High School	Dual Credit Support 2025-2026	\$ 10,000
Muhlenberg County High School	Dual Credit Support for Band Students	\$ 7,500
MC High School Math Department	Purchase of TI-84 Calculators for Students	\$ 10,000
Madisonville Community College	College Success Coach at Muhl Campus 2025-2026	\$ 9,000
Madisonville Community College	GED Learn & Earn Student Incentives 2025-26	\$ 15,000
Madisonville Community College	GED Learn & Earn Program Supports 2025-2026	\$ 11,250
Madisonville Community College	Adult Education Program Operations 2025-2026	\$ 75,000
Longest Elementary School	Outdoor Classroom	\$ 12,350
Muhlenberg South Elementary School	K-Day Kindergarten Camps - Summer 2025	\$ 750
Longest Elementary School	K-Day Kindergarten Camps - Summer 2025	\$ 750
Greenville Elementary School	K-Day Kindergarten Camps - Summer 2025	\$ 750
Central City Elementary School	K-Day Kindergarten Camps - Summer 2025	\$ 750
Bremen Elementary School	K-Day Kindergarten Camps - Summer 2025	\$ 750
Kentucky Science Center	STEAM Cart for Muhlenberg County School - Pilot	\$ 15,000
Kentucky Shakespeare	Programming in Muhlenberg County Schools 2024-2025	\$ 4,370
Diversity Club	Diversity Books for Curriculum	\$ 800
Junior Achievement of Western Kentucky	College & Career Programming in Schools 2024-2025	\$ 4,900
Youth Services (outside the classroom) Projects:		
BETA Club to Nationals	National Junior BETA Convention	\$ 14,560
Governors Scholars Foundation	Info Sessions & Workshops for Students 2025-2026	\$ 5,000
Greater Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Pony Express Football Program Pilot	\$ 19,430
Lincoln Heritage Council, Boy Scouts of America	Provide Scouting to more youth in Muhlenberg County	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg Autism Event	Nuero Diversity Day: Building Inclusive Futures	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County 4-H	Summer 2025 Camp Scholarships	\$ 8,500
Muhlenberg County Airport Board	Muhlenberg County MS Aviation Club 2024-2025	\$ 6,500
Muhlenberg County Arts Council	Summer Youth Camps & Acitivities	\$ 6,250
Muhlenberg County Conservation Dist.	Take A Kid Fishing Day 2025	\$ 2,500
Muhlenberg County Health Department	Longest Day of Play	\$ 2,500
Muhlenberg County High School	Eagle Scout Project: MCHS JROTC Obstacle Course	\$ 3,500
Muhlenbert County High School Beta Club	MCHS Beta Club to Nationals	\$ 7,500

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Community Engagement and Collaboration

To effectively implement strategies for community growth, a network of engaged leaders who work collaboratively toward unified goals is essential. Grants for projects focused on developing effective leaders and deepening community knowledge and resources are included below.

Muhlenberg Civic Leadership Institute	Community Leadership Program 2026	\$	18,000
Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Youth Leadership 2025-2026	\$	17,000
NAACP Muhlenberg	Unity Breakfast & Gospel Extravaganza 2025	\$	1,500
NAACP Muhlenberg County	2024 Annual State Convention Representation	\$	2,000
FEMJF Board, Advisory & Staff	Allocated grants for Muhlenberg County	\$	50,750
Leadership Kentucky	Elevate Program Participation for Muhlenberg	\$	2,200
MC Fiscal Court	Forensic Interviewing of Children Training	\$	2,746
N.A.A.C.P. of Muhlenberg	KY Assn of Blacks in Higher Ed Conference	\$	625
KY Rural Urban Exchange	RUX Leadership 2025 for Muhlenberg Representative	\$	2,200
Muhlenberg County High School	Jostens Leadership Conf 2025	\$	5,203
Central City Elementary School	Get Your Teach On Conference	\$	4,000
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission	Southeast Tourism Society Mkty College	\$	1,000
Muhlenberg County Arts Council	Art Hub Regional Research & Site Visits	\$	2,000
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission	Muhlenberg County Speaker Event Summer 2025	\$	2,000
Muhlenberg County Health Department	National Prevention Network Conference 2025	\$	3,000
Grantmakers of Kentucky	Foundation Advocacy & Supports 2025-2026	\$	2,500
Kentucky Youth Advocates	Bloom Kentucky Initiative 2025-2026	\$	2,500
Kentucky Nonprofit Network	Nonprofit Advocacy 2025-2026	\$	1,500
Philanthropy Southeast	Foundation Advocacy & Supports 2025-2026	\$	3,500

Health & Human Services

Even when economic and educational opportunities exist, many residents face barriers to accessing those opportunities. Barriers such as transportation, housing, and childcare keep some residents from improving their prospects for prosperity, and hinder Muhlenberg County as it strives to achieve its goals. New grants focused on removing barriers and supporting health & human service needs are included below.

Abundant Life Church	Emergency Homeless Support	\$	1,000
Abundant Life Church	Mobile Shower Units	\$	4,000
City of Central City	Generator Purchase for Emergency Annc	\$	3,250
Family Resource Youth Service Centers	FRYSC support 2025-2026	\$	30,000
Greenville 2nd Baptist Church	Celebrate Recovery Training 2025-2026	\$	8,000
Greenville Second Baptist Church	Celebrate Recovery Expansion	\$	4,000
Honor & Remember - KY Chapter	KY Run for the Fallen	\$	1,000
Hope2All	Box Truck for Food Delivery	\$	40,000
Hope2All	Bikes for Underresourced - Muhlenberg County	\$	3,000
Muhlenberg County Arts Council	Tickets to Arts for the Underresourced 2024-2025	\$	7,500
Muhlenberg County Health Department	Champions for A Drug-Free Muhlenberg County 2024-2025	\$	70,000
Muhlenberg County Health Department	Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Events	\$	2,870
Muhlenberg County Reg Disaster Resource Facilit	Trailer for Onsite Disaster Support	\$	15,000
Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Expungement Support	\$	2,500
Righteous Souls Ministry	Sober Living Home Supports	\$	7,500
Roland Missionary Baptist Church	Bench Buddies Mentorship Prgm	\$	1,500
Special Needs Day Equipment Purchase	Special Needs Day at the MC Fair 2025	\$	5,000