

New Grants Awarded 2025-2026

\$3,679,183

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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 (\$187,500k for 2025-2026 awarded previously)	
Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Matching Funding (\$115k for 2025-26 awarded previously)	
Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Signs for Success Grant Program	\$ 20,000
City of Greenville	Market Study for Old National Bank Bldg	\$ 12,000
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commissions	Visitor Center at Exit 58	\$ 7,250
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commissions	KY State Fair Tourism Booth 2026	\$ 4,500

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	SOAR Program Manager Position FY 2027-29	\$ 260,000
Staff Managed Project	SOAR Early Childhood Education 2025-2026 (w/o grants)	\$ 200,000
Muhlenberg County Board of Education	SOAR Office Space 2025-2026	\$ 5,000
Madisonville Community College	GED Learn & Earn 2026-2027 Program	\$ 58,750
Muhlenberg Achieves	Muhlenberg Achieves Program Activitis2026-2027	\$ 186,500
Kentucky Science Center	STEAM Carts for Central City, Bremen & South Elementary	\$ 54,000
Muhlenberg County Board of Education	Paxton Patterson Career Exploration Labs at Renaissance Ctr	\$ 40,000
Muhlenberg County Public Libraries	Imagination Library Program 2025-2026	\$ 18,000
Muhlenberg County High School	Dual Credit Support 2026-2027	\$ 10,000
Madisonville Community College	AmeriCorps College Success Coach on MC Campus 26-27	\$ 8,000
Kentucky Shakespeare	Shakespeare in MC Schools 2026-2027	\$ 6,500
SkillsUSA Kentucky	Middle School Student Trade Program Exploration	\$ 5,500
Central City Elementary School	Indoor School Recess Success	\$ 4,000
Longest Elementary School	Outdoor Reading Area Hammocks	\$ 3,200
Madisonville Community College	Emergency Fund for MCC Muhlenberg Students	\$ 3,000
Renaissance Center School	Alternative Classroom Learning Tools	\$ 2,750
Muhlenberg Elementary Schools	K-Day Kindergarten Camps - Summer 2026	\$ 5,000

Youth Services (outside the classroom) Projects:

Rockettown of Middle Tennessee	Rockettown Muhlenberg County	\$ 200,000
Muhlenberg County High School	MCHS Bass Fishing Team Boat Purchase	\$ 30,000
Muhlenberg County 4-H	Youth Programming in 2025-2026	\$ 25,000
MCHS Band Boosters	Wraps for Equipment Trailers	\$ 15,000
Muhlenberg County High School	MCHS Cheer Team to Nationals 2026	\$ 14,000
Muhlenberg County Middle School	Beta Club to Nationals	\$ 8,200
Lincoln Heritage Council	Scouting in Muhlenberg 2026-2027	\$ 7,500
Muhlenberg County Arts Council	Summer Youth Camps & Activities	\$ 6,050
N.A.A.C.P. Muhlenberg Chapter	Cultural and Inclusive Event Support 2025-26	\$ 6,000
Center for Courageous Kids	Kids Camp Registration	\$ 2,500

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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.

Felix E. Martin Jr. Hall	Martin Hall Operations Staff FY2027-2029	\$ 405,000
Felix E. Martin Jr. Hall	Portable Staging / Risers	\$ 24,000
Felix E. Martin Jr. Hall	Martin Hall Light Board Replacement	\$ 12,000
Felix E. Martin Jr. Hall	Martin Hall Lighting FY27 - 29	\$ 45,000
Gr. Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Annual Operations FY 2027 & Match	\$ 360,000
Gr. Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Badgett Center Construction Loan Forgiveness	\$ 70,000
Gr. Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Pickleball Court Conversion	\$ 40,000
Gr. Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Facilities Maintenance Equip & Ops	\$ 35,000
Gr. Muhlenberg Parks & Recreation	Baseball Field Updates at Muhlenberg Cty Park	\$ 26,875
Muhlenberg County Fair Board	Cooling Fans for Ag Center	\$ 100,000
City of Central City	Gish Park Updates: Basketball Court & Playground	\$ 25,000
City of Greenville	Brizendine Bros Park Update Phase 2	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Beechmont Ballpark Updates 2025	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Weir Ballpark Updates 2025 phase 2	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Morgan Lane Ballpark Updates, Phase 3	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Dunmor Ballpark Cleanup	\$ 25,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Community Center Updates: Millport, Midland, S. Carrollton	\$ 23,675
City of Drakesboro	Drakesboro Community Center Refresh	\$ 11,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Farmer's Market Bird Mitigation & Sanitation	\$ 6,750
Beechmont Missionary Baptist Church	Beechmont Cleanup Day #2	\$ 5,000
City of Drakesboro	Drakesboro Clean Up Day 2026	\$ 4,350
Humane Society of Muhlenberg County	Spay / Neuter Program (MCLI Project)	\$ 2,500
MCHS Band Boosters	West Kentucky Percussion Festival 2026	\$ 1,000
City of Greenville	Bench Purchase in Rewilding Area	\$ 1,000
Spruce Up the 'Berg 2026 Awards:		
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Paradise Historical Park Playground Mulch	\$ 16,225
Long Creek Assoc Gen Baptist	Camp Martin Playground Repairs & Purchases	\$ 15,000
Beechmont Missionary Baptist Church	Clay Jones Park (Beechmont) Beautification	\$ 12,700
City of Central City	Mural Updates at Holly J's	\$ 12,500
Hope2All	Drakesboro Mural	\$ 9,875
Central City Tourism Commission	Motosports Mural at Pace Tire	\$ 12,000
Greenville Tourism Commission	Tribb's Alley Restoration, Phase 2	\$ 5,600
City of Powderly	Paint the City Project	\$ 5,000
Greenville Elementary School	Playground Mulch Refresh	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Nelson Creek VFD Signage & Landscaping	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg County High School	Softball Compex Repairs & Signage	\$ 5,000
Muhlenberg South Elementary School	Exterior Entrance & Courtyard Improvements	\$ 5,000
Pathway of Hope	Peace Memorial Garden	\$ 5,000
Beechmont Missionary Baptist Church	Beechmont Clean-Up Day 2026	\$ 3,300
City of Central City	Military Headstone Resurrection & Replacement	\$ 3,250
City of Central City	Rails to Trails Benches & Trash Cans	\$ 2,750
City of South Carrollton	South Carrollton Clean-Up Day 2026	\$ 1,700
City of Greenville	Tree Planting at Luzerne Lake	\$ 1,600
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Hazel Creek Self-Guided Cemetery Tours	\$ 1,000
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	Danks Cemetery Signage	\$ 500

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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.

Central City Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Central City	\$	50,000
Greenville Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Greenville	\$	50,000
Drakesboro Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Drakesboro	\$	50,000
Dunmor Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Dumor	\$	50,000
Graham Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Graham	\$	50,000
Nelson Creek Voluntary Fire Dept	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Nelson Creek	\$	50,000
Beechmont Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Beechmont	\$	50,000
Bremen Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Dept Gratitude Grant 2026 Bremen	\$	50,000
Habitat for Humanity Pennyrile Region	Habitat Home Build in Muhlenberg County	\$	50,000
Muhlenberg County Health Department	Champions for A Drug-Free Muhlenberg Cty 2025-26	\$	50,000
Muhlenberg County Extension	Program Assistant Staffing Position	\$	45,000
Family Resource Youth Service Centers	FRYSC support 2026-2027	\$	37,000
Baptist Health Deaconess	Pediatrics Care Expansion	\$	35,000
Muhlenberg County Emergency Mgmt	Weather Alert Sirens & Rescue boat	\$	33,500
Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center	Furniture & Equipment for Facility Expansion	\$	30,000
Pennyrile Area Community Services	Senior Center HVAC Replacement	\$	22,000
Muhlenberg Cty Reg Disaster Resource Facility	Facility Upgrades, Repairs, and Marketing	\$	20,000
Kentucky Women's Missionary Union	KY Changers Home Repair Program 2026	\$	15,000
Second Baptist Church of Greenville	Celebrate Recovery Training 2026	\$	15,000
Greenville Volunteer Fire Department	Fire Safety Education in Schools	\$	13,410
Rotary Club of Muhlenberg County	Rotary Beds for Kids 2026	\$	10,400
Muhlenberg County Health Department	Empowering Minds Program	\$	10,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiar	Adopt-A-Night Program for Muhlenberg Families	\$	10,000
Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry	Venison Meat Stick Program	\$	7,500
Pathway of Hope	HVAC Replacement	\$	7,000
Muhlenberg County Fair Board	Special Needs Day 2026	\$	5,000
Pathway of Hope	Purchasing Baby Beds & Pack-n-plays	\$	5,000
Pathway of Hope	Educational Materials Purchase	\$	5,000
Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center	Computer Technology Upgrade	\$	4,515
Deaf Commuity	Deaf Community Supports in 2026-2027	\$	4,500
Greenville Elementary School	CPR Certification Training	\$	1,008

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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	2026 MCLI program funding awarded in prior year		
Muhlenberg Youth Leadership, Inc.	Youth Leadership 2026-2027	\$	17,000
Grant Ready Kentucky	Grantwriting Support for Muhlenberg 2026	\$	10,000
Philanthropy Southeast	National Foundation Advocacy & Supports	\$	3,750
Grantmakers of Kentucky	Statewide Foundation Advocacy & Supports	\$	2,500
Kentucky Youth Advocates	Bloom Kentucky Initiative 2026-2027	\$	2,500
Kentucky Nonprofit Network	Nonprofit Advocacy 2026-2027	\$	1,500
FEMJF Board, Advisory & Staff	Allocated grants for Muhlenberg County	\$	51,750
Community Leadership Fund Awards:			
Muhlenberg Arts Council	Research of Arts Hubs across Commonwealth	\$	2,000
Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission	Ian Hill Community Presentation	\$	2,000
Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance	Women to Victory Womens' Conference Speaker	\$	1,500
United Way of the Ohio Valley	Financial Excellence for Nonprofits Seminar	\$	600
Tourism Commissions	American Film Marketplace Participation	\$	3,000
Muhlenberg Housing Coalition	Habitat for Humanity Bowling Green Research	\$	700
Owensboro Health Team	ELEVATE Program 2026	\$	3,500
Muhlenberg County 9-1-1	Center Manager Certification Program	\$	1,115
Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce	Henderson Hospitality Summit	\$	1,000
Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce	Southeast Mktg College Year 3	\$	2,845
Empowering Minds Committee	Empowering MindsCommunity Gatherings	\$	1,400