

# QTRLY UPDATE

[www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/](http://www.knoxcounty.org/communitydevelopment/)

## Knox County Home Rehabilitation Program

KCGCD has brought the management of the Knox County Home Rehabilitation (KCHR) Program in-house. The KCHR program provides necessary repairs to eligible homeowners to prevent deterioration, ensure accessibility, and maintain overall housing quality and safety. Our Community Development Division will collaborate directly with licensed contractors to undertake these critical repairs. To facilitate this transition, we conducted a series of Contractor Workshops aimed at broadening our network of contractors and streamline the procurement process. KCGCD is committed to partnering with local businesses, prioritizing minority, women, and veteran-owned construction companies to foster inclusivity and community growth.



KNOX COUNTY  
TENNESSEE

GRANTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Our team attended the annual Emerald Youth Breakfast.

### UPCOMING DATES

8/15/2024

July invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

9/15/2024: August invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

9/30/2024: Knox County HUD CAPER Due

10/15/2024:

September invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

Quarter 1 invoices and reports are due for ARPA and Defined Service subrecipients.

## Knoxville Habitat for Humanity Bipartisan Build

On June 7, the KCGCD team joined Mayor Glenn Jacobs, former Mayor Mike Ragsdale, and the City of Knoxville for a volunteer day with Knoxville Habitat for Humanity. The team took part in a Blitz Day at Habitat's newest community, Ellen's Glen. Blitz Days consist of building the frame of the house and preparing the roof to be installed at a later date.



## Knox County Opioid Settlement Funds

In November 2023, KCGCD rolled out its first opioid settlement funding grants. We are excited to announce that the county has committed **\$14.2 million**, over the next three years, to area [non-profits, organizations and initiatives](#).

The application process yielded over \$25,000,000 in funding requests focused on a variety of programs responding to the opioid crisis in our community. All applications were thoroughly reviewed and considered. We appreciate the time and effort applicants invested in their responses and the opportunity to learn more about the services available to the residents of Knox County. KCGCD intends to reopen applications for the Knox County Opioid Settlement Funds after the initial three-year grant period.

## Brent Seymour Appointed Fire Marshal for Knox County

Mayor Glenn Jacobs has appointed KCGCD's Public Safety Director, Brent Seymour as Fire Marshal for Knox County. As Fire Marshal, Seymour will oversee the enforcement of local fire safety regulations and assist in the prevention of fire and arson. Seymour, who holds degrees in EMS and Fire Science and a Master of Public Administration in Disaster Management, joined Knox County as Public Safety Director in early 2023 after 34 years in the fire service. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, has been designated a Chief Fire Officer by the Commission on Professional Credentialing, and is a Certified Public Manager through the University of Tennessee Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership.

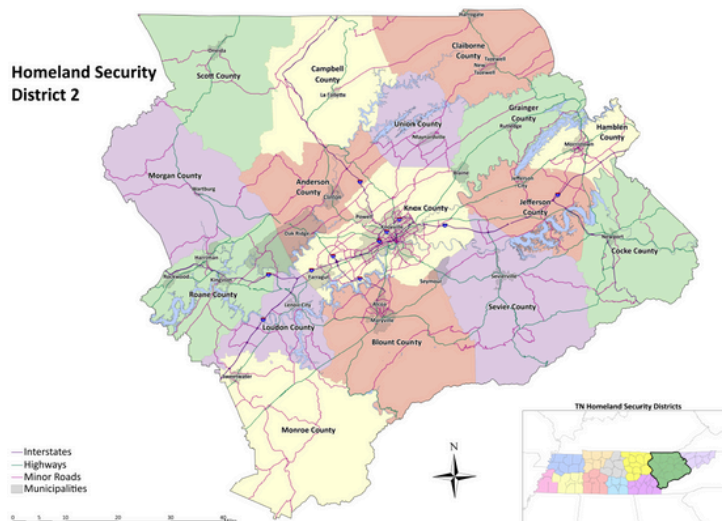


## Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Working Group

Knox County and TN Homeland Security District 2 have formed a working group to support the district's Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant program. The RCPG program will help strengthen post-disaster core capabilities needed to improve long-term housing stability. The working group is cross-sector group of subject matter experts providing guidance and input on development and implementation for program goals.

### Working Group Agencies:

- American Red Cross
- East Tennessee Realtors
- East Tennessee Regional Health Office
- KEMA
- KCDC
- Knox County ADA Coordinator
- Knox County Health Department
- Knoxville-Knox County CAC
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee
- Office of Housing Stability
- Salvation Army
- TN Valley Coalition for the Homeless



## Fig Tree Celebrated 4 Years!

Cokesbury Church's Connection Center celebrated four years of operating their day center, Fig Tree, in June. Fig Tree provides those experiencing homelessness a safe space to shower, do laundry, have a hot meal, access computers, and connect to vital resources. Fig Tree is open Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



## Grandparents as Parents Guidebook

Knoxville-Knox County CAC's Office on Aging has released its newest addition of the *Grandparents As Parents Guidebook*. The third edition of the guide provides grandparents and other relative caregivers with information and resources to assist with the responsibility and challenges of raising grandchildren. Knox County supported the publication of the book. Guidebooks are available at CAC or [online](#).



## KCGCD Talent LMS Launch

KCGCD has launched a new platform for subrecipient training through Talent LMS. Be on the lookout for an email to set up your account. Talent LMS will feature a variety of grant compliance trainings as well as refresher videos to help support program success.

If there are additional members of your team that you would like to have access to the platform, email [grants@knoxcounty.org](mailto:grants@knoxcounty.org).

## Substantial Amendment Public Comment & Hearing

KCGCD is proposing a Substantial Amendment to our HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Citizens are encouraged to share their comments about the County's proposed amendment from July 22 through August 23, 2024. KCGCD will have a Public Hearing on the amendment at 4:00 p.m. on August 7, 2024. Details of the amendment and information regarding the public hearing are available on our [website](#).