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SENATOR WENDELL FORD WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT LTADD ANNUAL MEETING

The 21st Annual Lincoln Trail Area Development District's April Meeting was honored by the appearance of United States Senator Wendell H. Ford. Senator Ford, who took time out from his extremely busy schedule to speak to the overflow crowd, outlined the political climate in Washington and the world.

Kentucky's Senior Senator, who also served as Governor from 1971-1975, discussed Kentucky's potential and its role in the years to come. As always, Senator Ford's comments

were both informative and entertaining. After his remarks, the Senator was recognized for all he has accomplished on behalf of the Commonwealth. Senator Ford is truly a symbol of public service and dedication, one who has served as a shining example and inspiration to all of us at Lincoln Trail.



CHANGES PROPOSED FOR SECTION 89 REQUIREMENTS

The complex and controversial requirements for Section 89 of the 1986 Tax Simplification Act were supposed to go into effect as of January 1, 1989. However, the regulations of this act were just released by the U.S. Treasury Department in May, and these are very likely to change in the near future. Section 89 sets forth rules for the evaluation of employee benefit plans in order to ensure that non-highly

compensated employees aren't discriminated against by not having access to benefit plans comparable to those available to highly compensated employers. The requirements and regulations of the Act are applicable to all employers, including local governments.

As a result of persistent complaints about the Act's complexity, compliance with most of its provisions has been delayed until 1990. Many of these provisions will probably change before then because bills aimed at simplifying them have recently been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. The bills should be acted upon by late Summer or early Fall of this year.

Many of the proposed changes could greatly influence the extent to which local governments must comply with the Act. There is even a move underway which would exempt local governments from compliance, or at least limit their compliance as compared to private businesses and organizations. Presently, actions regarding Section 89 are very hard to predict, and changes could come about quickly. The ADD staff is working hard to keep abreast of the changes. If you have any questions, or desire information about Section 89, contact Laura Ogles, Public Administration Specialist, at the ADD office.

GRAYSON COUNTY RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

Grayson County has been awarded a \$155,000 Community Development Block Grant. The grant has been awarded to Grayson County Fiscal Court who, in turn, will loan the funds to Twin Lakes Manufacturing Company, Inc. Twin Lakes, a clothing manufacturer, plans to use the loan funds for new equipment purchases and for working capital. Twin Lakes plans to increase its total employment from 20 to 160 with the assistance of the Block Grant Funds. The County will receive monthly payments from Twin Lakes on the loan. All recaptured funds will be placed into a Revolving Loan Fund set up by the County. Grayson County will be able to use the Revolving Loan Funds for any future economic development projects.

ADD COMPUTER TRAINING

Lincoln Trail ADD has filed for the computer training grant from DLG to cover Fiscal Year 1990. This grant provides funds for conducting training on computer equipment for all of Kentucky's ADDs. Instruction for personal computer software includes MS-DOS, word processors, spread sheets and databases. There is also training for software specifically designed for the Microdata minicomputers in use at many of the ADDs. In FY '89, the grant provided four sessions, usually two days each. All training has a strong attendance with 15 to 25 participants per day. The grant has enabled the ADDs to gain expert knowledge directly from vendor instructors and universities.

It is evident that the opportunities afforded by this grant are becoming extremely valuable. In anticipation of the grant being renewed for next year, five two day training sessions have been planned. Two of these will cover minicomputer training and three will be devoted to personal computer subjects. The ADDs also hope to use the grant to maintain a set of instructional video tapes. These will assist staff members unable to schedule around the formal training.

SUMMER YOUTH

The 1989 Summer Youth Employment Program is now in full swing. This program provides summer employment and work experience for economically disadvantaged youth, many of whom have never been previously employed. In addition to experience gained by the young participants in the world of work, many public sector worksites gain the added workforce necessary to help them through the busy summer months at no cost to them. Participants are being strongly urged to take advantage of remedial education classes in math and reading being offered in conjunction with the Summer Youth program. Morning classes of three hours duration for a maximum of seven weeks are planned for 105 participants of the 678 slots available.

JTPA MARKETING

The Lincoln Trail ADD JTPA staff has prepared a videotape designed to familiarize prospective JTPA employers with the benefits of participation in the program. It is said that "a picture is worth a thousand words," and it was felt that a video would be more interesting to the general public than mere words. The tape, **NEW BEGINNINGS**, emphasizes the cooperative efforts of the department for employment services in placing economically disadvantaged individuals on the job. Comments and scenes from employers in the area now participating are included as well as scenes and commentary on existing training programs in the LTADD area. The JTPA Marketing Liaison is making JTPA presentations using the tape at Rotary and Chamber of Commerce meetings throughout the eight-county region.

Other marketing efforts include appearances of the marketing liaison, PIC members, and local DES reps on public interest programs of radio stations in the LTADD region, and publication of news articles in each county newspaper explaining JTPA and encouraging participation.

KACO ANNOUNCES NEW FINANCING PLAN

The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) has announced the creation of a new pool of funds available to county governments and special districts for capital improvement projects. The Counties Leasing Trust (CoLT), a trust created by KACo, recently sold \$200 million in bonds backed by a letter of credit from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). Now, through a contract with KACo Administrative Services, CoLT has made these funds available to eligible applicants.

According to Robert Harrod, Program Administrator: "These funds are available to qualified county governments in the form of a lease arrangement. In this situation, CoLT will maintain ownership of the needed capital property, i.e., a building, a waterline, or a piece of equipment, until all lease payments are made. This type of arrangement is necessary because, as we all know, county governments are restricted by Kentucky law from incurring long-term mortgaged debt. This scenario allows counties to finance projects over a long period of time without violating this law, and without incurring the costs of issuing bonds. The funds may be made available to special districts in the form of a lease or direct loan."

All county governments and special districts in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for virtually any kind of capital improvement project. The minimum lease amount for a county is \$25,000; the minimum for a special district is \$250,000.

Some advantages of the program include:

- 1) Access to low interest rates with none of the usual bond issuance costs.
- 2) Flexibility of payment terms.
- 3) The ability of applicants to use conventional banking relationship to offer credit enhancement.
- 4) Rapid approval and prompt release of funds.
- 5) Active involvement of KACo.

If you have any questions or would like copies of a lease pre-application please contact Robert Harrod at CoLT, 1-800-777-1524. Copies of the lease pre-application can also be picked up at the LTADD.

MAY IS OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH

The Fourth Annual Senior Celebration was held at the Towne Mall in Elizabethtown on May 19th. As in previous years, the focus was on the many positive aspects of aging and various services available to our area seniors. Local health service agencies provided cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure screenings. Entertainment was provided by: The 113th Army Band; Meade County Cloggers; "75 Years of Fashion" (presented by Sunrise Manor and the LaRue County Homemakers); The Happy-Go-Lucky Senior Rappers; and Brother James Law. For the second year a Rook Tournament was held. This is well received and has a great number of participants from the local senior centers. Area nursing home residents were highlighted in a display of portraits. Already, we are looking forward to next year's celebration!!



**113th Army Band
Fort Knox**

Adult Day Care Participant, Ms. Leona Bennett, models a typical outfit from the turn of the century.



GUIDELINES SET FOR THE 1989 KENTUCKY SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

After a period of statewide discussion, the Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) has announced the program guidelines and funding cycles for the state small cities CDBG program. DLG has recommended that the approximately \$25 million in grant funds be divided by category in the following manner.

Amount and Split of Funds

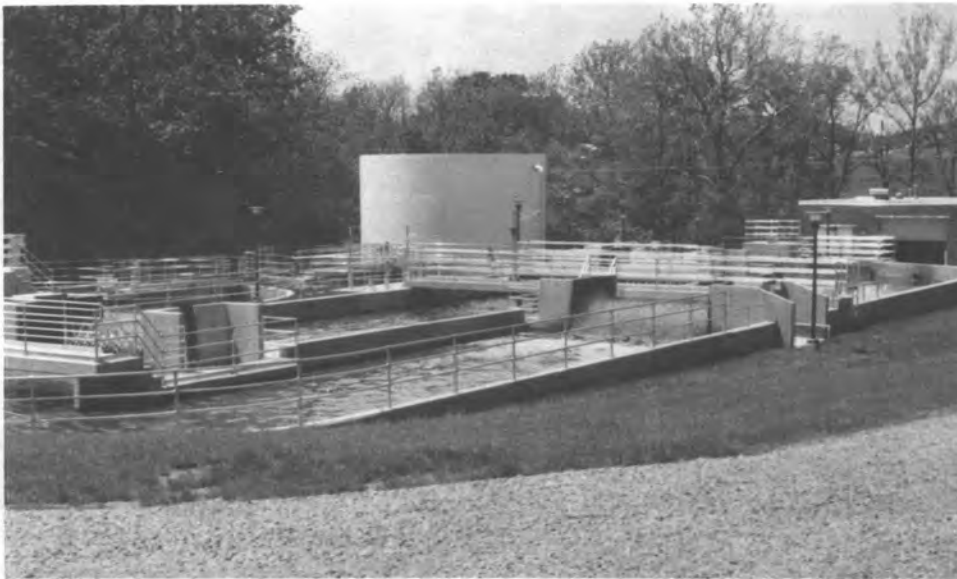
Economic Development	(40%)	\$9,981,480
Public Facilities	(35%)	8,733,795
Special Projects	(15%)	3,743,055
Housing	(10%)	2,495,370

Funding Cycles/Application Deadlines

Economic Development	6/28/89 - 4/2/90
(Applications will be reviewed monthly.)	
Public Facilities	6/28/89
Special Projects	9/18/89 <u>and</u> 1/22/90
Housing	6/28/89

For additional information or assistance on the CDBG application process do not hesitate to contact our office.

TWO CDBG PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION



VINE GROVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

With the final inspection concluded, Vine Grove's new .715 MGD wastewater treatment plant has begun full operation.

HARDINSBURG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Hardinsburg has also begun operations at a new .732 MGD wastewater treatment plant.

Both facilities were funded in part with 1985 CDBG funds.



AGING SERVICES CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR FY 90

The Lincoln Trail ADD Board of Directors met on March 15, 1989 and awarded the following contracts for aging services:

Legal Aid Society, Inc.	
Legal Service	6,540
Nursing Home Ombudsman	<u>16,435</u>
	22,975
Nazareth Community Health Services, Inc.	
Homemaker Services	58,085
Personal Care Attendant Program	<u>406,134</u>
	464,219
CareTenders HomeCare Inc.	
Respite Services	3,529
HomeCare Support	<u>212,973</u>
	216,502
Central Kentucky Community Action Council	
Support Services - Outreach, Information and Referral and Transportation	157,865
Program Management and Meal Delivery	171,129
Meal Preparation; congregate & Home Delivered	<u>329,430</u>
	658,424

These funding amounts represent some reductions in services due to allocation reductions and cost increases. We will strive to continue providing quality services to those in the greatest need.

KENTUCKY RECYCLING '89 CONFERENCE

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is sponsoring a one-day conference on recycling for public officials, industry, and citizens groups on Thursday July 27, 1989 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lexington. This statewide conference will feature main speakers from successful Kentucky and out-of-state programs. Twelve workshops will be offered on topics such as recycling markets, starting collection programs, economic development, and tours of Lexington facilities. Exhibitors will include manufacturers, state programs, local organizations, and recycling industries. For more information and a registration packet contact the Recycling Coordinator, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Department of Public Works, 9th Floor, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (606) 258-3400.

JTPA AIDS IN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

The JTPA program is making funding available to local agencies or entities in an effort to augment economic and industrial development strategies. The goal of JTPA is to provide unsubsidized employment to economically disadvantaged persons. To this end JTPA can fund efforts to attract new business or industry to our area. JTPA is also interested in aiding existing business and industry in efforts to expand. While JTPA cannot be a sole funding source for local economic development, it can augment existing services and be a real tool for local strategies.

PALMER A. "PETE" PETERSON

MEMORIAL AWARD

This year's recipient of the Palmer A. "Pete" Peterson Memorial Award was the long-time Judge/Executive of Hardin County, the Honorable R. R. "Babe" Thomas.

Each year, the Peterson Memorial Award is presented to an LTADD Board member in recognition of outstanding leadership, cooperation, and dedication to the aims and purpose of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. In Judge Thomas, the Board of Directors have honored an individual whose dedication has guided Hardin County for over twenty years. His sense of government service and examples of leadership are exemplary, leading his peers to bestow this honor. Judge Thomas, who is stepping down at the end of this year, will be missed in county and state government. **CONGRATULATIONS JUDGE!**



OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR 1989-90 AT LTADD ANNUAL MEETING

One of the highlights the Lincoln Trail Area Development District's 1989 Annual Meeting was the election of officers of our Board of Directors. Pictured below, DLG Commissioner Lee Troutwine (Left) swears in newly elected officers: **Mr. Bill Corum-Chairman, Mayor Dwight Wright-Secretary, Mayor Gene Smith-Treasurer, Mayor Angela Schamore-Second Vice Chairperson, and Mayor Sherrill Watson-First Vice Chairman.**

In other Board action, the Executive Committee for next year was chosen; the Committee includes the officers and the following: **Judge Mike Abell, Mr. Sam Dibble, Jr., Judge Tom Moorman, Mr. Alfred Nichols, Mayor Paul Perrine, Mr. Lawrence Spalding, Judge Tommy Turner, Mr. J. T. Whitlock, Judge Glenn Tilford, Judge R. R. Thomas, Mayor Joe Hutcherson, Ex. Officio.**

In addition, the following citizen members were selected to serve on the Board for 3-year terms: **Mrs. Imogene Belcher (Grayson County), Mr. T. J. Patterson (Hardin County), Mrs. Thelma Chelf (Hardin County), Mr. Joe Goodman (Hardin County), Mr. Sam Dibble (Hardin County), Mr. J. T. Whitlock (Marion County), Col. Franklin Tilton (Fort Knox).**



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