



City of Kent
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
City Council Committee Meetings
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA

6:55 P.M. Board of Control (Separate Agenda)

7:00 P.M. Council Committee Meetings Call to Order

1. **Committee of the Whole** Chair Fiala/ Vice-Chair Amrhein
 - 1.1. Climate Action Plan with KERAMIDA Bridget Susel
 - 1.2. Codified Ordinance Book Replacement Pages Hope Jones
 - 1.3. City Hall Project Update Melanie Baker
2. **Community Development Committee** Chair Kuhar/Vice-Chair Rosenberg
 - 2.1. Staff Recommendations on CDBG Project for PY 2023 Bridget Susel
3. **Health and Public Safety Committee** Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti
 - 3.1. Kent City Health Department Annual Report Joan Seidel
 - 3.2. VISTA Grant for Kent City Health Department Joan Seidel
 - 3.3. EPA Grant for Kent City Health Department Joan Seidel
4. **Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee** Chair Sidoti/ Vice-Chair Wallach
 - 4.1. Special Events and Road Closures Dave Ruller; Hope Jones
 - 4.2. Citywide Trash Service Bid Preparation Melanie Baker
 - 4.3. Vision Zero Resolution Jim Bowling
5. **Finance Committee** Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Wallach
 - 5.1. NOPEC Energized Grant Melanie Baker

Adjourn

TENTATIVE MARCH 2023 CALENDAR

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			1 7:00 pm Council Committee Mtgs	2	3	4
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12	13 5:30 pm Board of Health Meeting	14	15 7:30 pm Reg. Council Mtg	16 5:30 pm Parks and Rec. Board	17	18
19	20 5 pm Civil Service Commission Mtg. 7 pm Board of Zoning Appeals	21 7pm Planning Commission	22	23	24	25
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KENT CITY COUNCIL'S PENDING LIST

Administration	Month/Yr.	Motion Made by
Sustainability Comm.: Climate Change	7/14; 2/16; 8/21	Wallach; Shaffer Bish
Senior Advisory Committee	10/17	Ferrara; Sidoti
Unattended vehicles/idling cars	10/19	Wallach
Design Guidelines Reorganization	6/21	Sidoti
Discussion with Franklin Twp. /sidewalk snow upkeep	1/22	Shaffer Bish

Council Committee	Month/Yr.	Motion Made by
Parameters for low frequency noises-- Health and Public Safety	1/21	Wallach
Proactively addressing race & diversity in Kent-- Committee of Whole	9/20	Wallach
City Flag Redesign- Committee of the Whole	8/21	Rosenberg
Changes in Firework Laws- Health & Public Safety	7/22	Shaffer Bish

Updated & Posted February 22, 2023 Amy Wilkens | Clerk of Council | Kent City Council

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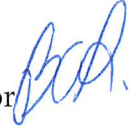


CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: February 22, 2023

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager

FROM: Bridget Susel, Community Development Director 

RE: DRAFT Climate Action Plan Presentation

KERAMIDA, the consulting firm selected to develop the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), is finalizing its draft of the CAP and will be submitting it in the coming days for City review. The Climate Action Plan identifies possible mitigation initiatives that can assist the City with reducing the community's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), which were identified in the City's GHG inventory approved by Council in December 2021.

KERAMIDA is expected to submit the completed draft of the CAP in the coming days and I will forward it as soon as I receive it so it can be shared with Council and the public. The draft CAP presents various initiatives that can be utilized to reduce emissions in five broader strategy areas, which includes:

1. Stationary Energy
2. Transportation
3. Waste
4. Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU)
5. Education and Outreach

I am respectfully requesting time at the March 1, 2023 Council Committee meeting for a presentation by Nick McCreary, Senior Sustainability Manager with KERAMIDA, on the draft Climate Action Plan. The presentation on the CAP will not require Council action in March so that Council and the public are provided adequate time to review the draft more thoroughly.

Additional committee discussion and legislative consideration will be scheduled for April so staff can answer any questions Council or the public may have after completing their review of the draft.

If you need any additional information in order to add this item to the agenda, please let me know. Thank you.

Cc: Hope Jones, Law Director
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
Patti Long, Assistant to the City Manager



LAW MEMORANDUM

To: David Ruller, City Manager
From: Hope Jones, Law Director
Date: March 1, 2023
Item: 1.1. - Codified Ordinance Book Replacement Pages (Hope Jones)

Summary:

Mr. Ruller,

I am requesting Committee time on March 1, 2023 to discuss the yearly update to the Codified Ordinances. The replacement pages have been delivered by our publisher but need a Council vote to become law.

Hope

Prepared by: Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Attachments: None



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Date: February 22, 2023

To: Dave Ruller, City Manager

From: Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

Cc: Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
Patti Long, Assistant to the City Manager
PY2023 CDBG Action Plan File

Re: PY2023 CDBG Project & Funding Recommendations

The City is preparing its funding request for the PY2023 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The funding request is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis and must include a list of proposed programs that will be implemented with CDBG funding during the program year. The City has not received notice yet from HUD on its PY2023 allocation, so the following funding recommendations are based on the CDBG funding level the City received for PY2022, which was \$306,220.

A total of seven (7) project proposals were received this year and the proposed level of CDBG funding assistance allocated to projects is \$281,000. In addition to this amount assigned for project funding, the Community Development Department will allocate \$19,000 in support of fair housing services and \$6,220 for eligible administrative costs, bringing the total to \$306,220. Based on a review of the proposals and in consideration of all applicable CDBG regulatory requirements, staff is recommending Council approval of the below projects and amounts at its May meeting. Formal approval in May allows time for a public comment period and a second public hearing to take place prior to authorization.

1. City of Kent, Engineering Department – Walnut Street Reconstruction

This activity provides funding to assist with the design and full depth reconstruction of Walnut Street from Harris Street to Dodge Street. The work involves new sidewalks, concrete curbs and gutter, catch basins and storm sewers to improve drainage along the roadway. This is a multi-year project and construction is scheduled for 2023 (Phase 2 – Harris to Dodge).

Funding Requested: \$160,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$177,300

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$160,000
(Phase II)

2. City of Kent, Police Department – Neighborhood Policing Program

The Neighborhood Policing Program provides additional patrols and police visibility primarily in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and housing complexes. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: \$24,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$18,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$18,000

3. CAC of Portage County – Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program

The applicant is requesting funding from the CDBG program to continue its “Kent Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program” that provides the services of furnace inspections, tune-ups, or the replacement of failing or inefficient furnaces and/or hot water tanks for owner-occupied low-to-moderate income Kent households.

Funding Requested: \$35,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$35,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$35,000

4. Family & Community Services – Homeless Shelter Services

The Homeless Shelter Services program provides services at Miller Community House, which is an emergency homeless shelter. Funding helps pay for shelter nights spent by Kent residents including needed case management, counseling and housing placement. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: \$15,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$15,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$15,000

5. Coleman Health Services – Anna Street Apartments

Coleman Health Services (formerly known as Coleman Professional Services) is requesting CDBG funds to make handicapped accessibility improvements to the parking lot and sidewalk at Coleman’s Anna Street Apartments, a permanent supportive housing facility for individuals with disabilities. The buckling pavement and sidewalk are creating accessibility issues for residents with physical disabilities. The requested CDBG funds would allow Coleman to have the asphalt parking lot repaired and the concrete sidewalks replaced.

Funding Requested: \$17,300

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$30,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$9,000

6. Ohio Small Business Development Center – Small Business Counseling
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Funds will be used to provide one-to-one business counseling, as well as business workshops/training, for low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.

Funding Requested: \$5,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$5,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$5,000

7. Habitat for Humanity of Portage County – Aging in Place

Funds will be used to provide critical home repairs to low-to-moderate income homeowners within the City of Kent. Repairs will include accessibility modifications/retrofits and emergency home repairs that cannot be addressed through the City's other rehabilitation programs.

Funding Requested: \$25,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$15,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$0

8. City of Kent, Community Development – Administration
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These funds are used to cover grant administration costs such as the cost of staff, supplies, advertising, postage, copying, travel costs for trainings, and other related costs. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Planning and Administration 20% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: N/A

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$6,920

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$6,766

9. Fair Housing Consultant– Fair Housing Services
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These funds will be used to cover the cost associated with the provision of fair housing service. The consultant will provide counseling in the areas of housing discrimination and landlord-tenant issues. They'll investigate fair housing complaints and provide a variety of public education and outreach services in the City. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Planning and Administration 20% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: \$19,000

PY 2023 Funding Recommended: \$19,000

PY2022 CDBG Funding: \$19,000

A spreadsheet summarizing the requested and recommended funding amounts has been attached for review. Copies of all submitted PY2023 CDBG proposals also are available for review at the Community Development Department.

PY2023 CDBG Allocation (8-1-23 to 7-31-24). HUD Estimated Allocation				
Applicant	Project	CDBG Request	2023 Funding Recommended	Funds Awarded in PY2022
Coleman Health Services	Anna Street Apartments	\$17,300	\$23,000	\$90,000
CAC	Targeted Furnace Replacement	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Engineering Department	Walnut St. Phase II	\$160,000	\$170,000	\$160,000
Habitat for Humanity	Neighborhood Revital./Aging in Place	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$0
F&CS	Homeless Shelter Services	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Kent Police Department	Neighborhood Policing	\$24,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Ohio Small Business Dev. Center	Small Business Counseling	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Administration	Administration		\$6,220	\$6,720
Fair Hsg Contact Serv.	Fair Housing		\$19,000	\$19,000
TOTAL		\$281,300	\$306,220	
2023 Allocation (estimated):		\$306,220		
Public Service Cap (15%):		\$45,933	\$38,000	\$38,000
Administration Cap (20%):		\$61,244	\$25,220	\$25,720



2022 Annual Report

Mission

Improving Kent City communities by promoting health, preventing disease, and connecting people to public health services.

Vision

Empowered people. Safer environments. Healthier communities.

Core Values

Health Equity, Community, Integrity, Collaboration, Education



Members of the Board

Emily Mattern- President	Term Expires 12/31/2022
Louise Frederick- Vice President	Term Expires 12/31/2025
Pamela Ferguson	Served Until 12/31/2022
Dr. Evan Howe will serve out the term that expires 12/31/2023	
Michelle Frederick	Term Expires 12/31/2026
Melissa Zullo	Term Expires 12/31/2027
Jack Amrhein	Council Appointment
Joan C. Seidel RN	Health Commissioner

Medical Director- Dr. Angela DeJulius, MD

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From the Health Commissioner

Another year of possibility stretches out before us, and we are eager to expand our work in 2023. The Kent City Health Department continues to plan, prepare, and respond to the needs impacting our city, region, state, and nation. We proceed with goal attainment by first looking at what we did and did not accomplish. 2022 was a year where we did not achieve everything we hoped, but we did accomplish some very important work. The very first accomplishment was the national recognition from the Public Health Accreditation Board that we met their performance founded, evidence focused, and stringent standards and were officially accredited! Some doubted we could achieve this coveted status, especially through a pandemic, and being a small health department. We were thrilled that what we knew we worthy and capable of came to fruition. Our celebration was a proud moment highlighting all we accomplished during very challenging times along with the staunch support of our Board members whose vision set the tone for success. Maintaining the excellence accreditation represents drives us forward.



We strive to not only meet but excel in the ten essential services of Public Health. As a department there are certain state and national directives, we must follow for program content. For these we endeavor to be as consistent as possible. For programing where we have latitude, we are seeking the input of Kent City residents. For example, in our medical program, we launched a campaign in 2022 “Kent City Health Department Working 4 U!” The three limbs include, Listening, Connecting, and Serving. We will proceed with additional listening sessions in 2023 as we start to formulate activities rooted in what residents’ share would help them achieve optimal health. Health Equity is a strong consideration for how we look at every program we have and work to put in place. Our Community Health Equity Task Force anticipates working closely with the newly created position in the City of Kent for Community outreach (formal title not yet published).

Through the generous and foresighted members of City Council, we contributed resources as well as our time and expertise to the Portage County Community Health Assessment in 2022. We now look forward to integrating our programs to align with the goals and strategies of the Community Health Improvement Plan in 2023. While there are many needs, the highest priorities are chosen to work on first. These three priority areas are Chronic Disease, Mental Health and Addiction, and Family, Pregnancy, Infant, and Child Health. Our three priority areas parallel the State Improvement Plan and so together many individuals and agencies will act to improve situations locally that will funnel up through the State of Ohio. We are well on our way with grants supporting Healthy Eating and Active Living, Injury Prevention (Falls reduction), and Tobacco Use Reduction. We were very grateful that Kent City Council supported our Tobacco Retail License (TRL) ordinance. This made Kent the 14th city in the State to adopt a policy that will first educate retailers and then verify compliance of not selling any tobacco product to underage people. There is a stepwise consequence of fines up to revoking the license to sell any products if persistent sales to minors are documented.

Innovation and early adoption of common-sense approaches to public health concerns is getting to be a hallmark for us as we work together with valued partners. I look forward to all the opportunities 2023 has to offer, but I also hope that the importance of community well-being is evident in all we accomplished in 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jean C. Seidel'.

Overview of Operations

The Kent City Health Department (KCHD) provides public health-related services to citizens within the city limits of Kent, Ohio. These services include:

- Monitoring Communicable Diseases
- Providing COVID-19 & FLU vaccines, case investigations, and distributing at home test kits
- Annual Licensing and Inspection of Restaurants, Vending Machines, Public Swimming Pools and Spas, Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishments, Sanitation Vehicles, Schools, Multiple-Use Housing Properties
- Administering the City's Mosquito Control Program
- Investigating Animal Bites for Rabies Exposure
- Investigating Nuisance Complaints
- Assisting Indigent Residents
- Operating an Academic Health Department with Kent State University
- Conducting Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Strategies



Strategic Plan

The [Strategic Plan](#) is a living document that is designed to establish realistic goals and objectives for the department that are consistent with the vision, mission, and core values of the Kent City Health Department.

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

The Kent City Health Department has worked alongside Portage County Health District and the Conduent to compile survey data from Portage County residents along with health information from the state health department and local organizations for the [Community Health Assessment](#). The Health Commissioner sits on the CHA steering committee and provides input on plans for updating this data.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Based on the results of the Community Health Assessment, the Kent City Health Department and Portage County Health District as well as several other organizations work together on the creation and implementation of a CHIP to address gaps and barriers in health. The [Community Health Improvement Plan](#) is a critical component for the development of policies, programs, and health promotion efforts to ultimately achieve positive health outcomes.

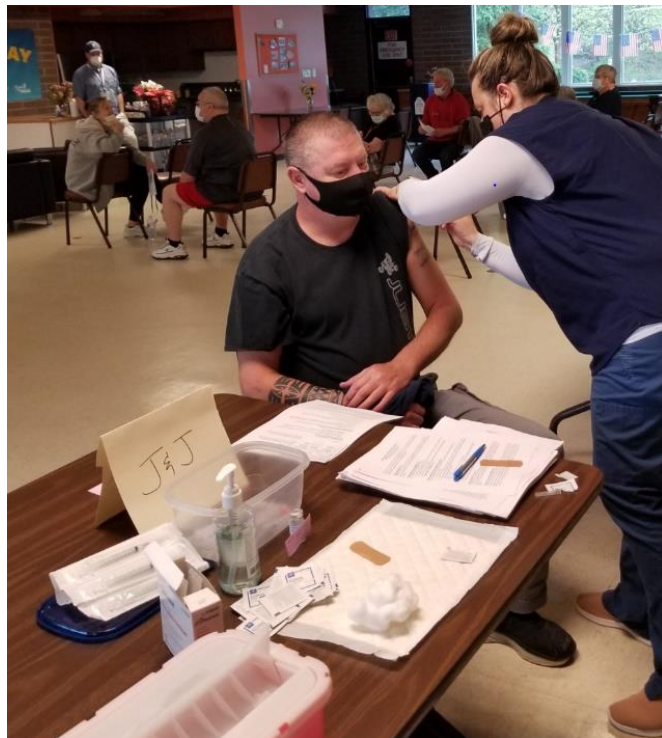


Communicable Disease

The Kent City Health Department works in conjunction with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Ohio Department of Health](#) to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Communicable Disease is defined as a disease which may be transmitted directly or indirectly from one individual to another and are required by law to be reported to local Health Departments for the purposes of statistics, treatment follow-up, and prevention of community epidemics. The Kent City Health Department contracts with Carroll County Health District for epidemiology assistance.

Kent City Annual Reportable Conditions for 2022

The reportable conditions in the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) that were reported to the Kent City Jurisdiction between January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 are provided in the table below. These numbers include confirmed, probable, and suspected cases. Cases that were deemed “not a case” were removed. The top 3 communicable diseases for the city of Kent remain, COVID-19, Chlamydia, and Gonococcal Infections. Thankfully there were fewer COVID-19 cases, but the Omicron and other variants consistently provided cases throughout 2022. There were several outbreaks related to vulnerable populations of age and athletic teams. The decrease in COVID cases can be attributed to increased immunity either through wild virus or via effective immunization. There was also an increase in home testing which relied on individuals to self-report. Compared to 2021 Gonococcal and Chlamydia infections remained stable, although higher than we would like and concerning for underreporting of these infections since individuals can be asymptomatic. Although not in the top 3, it is concerning that Syphilis cases grew from 2021 to 2022. A disease once thought to be very limited and well controlled is showing up more often in Kent as well as the State and the Nation.



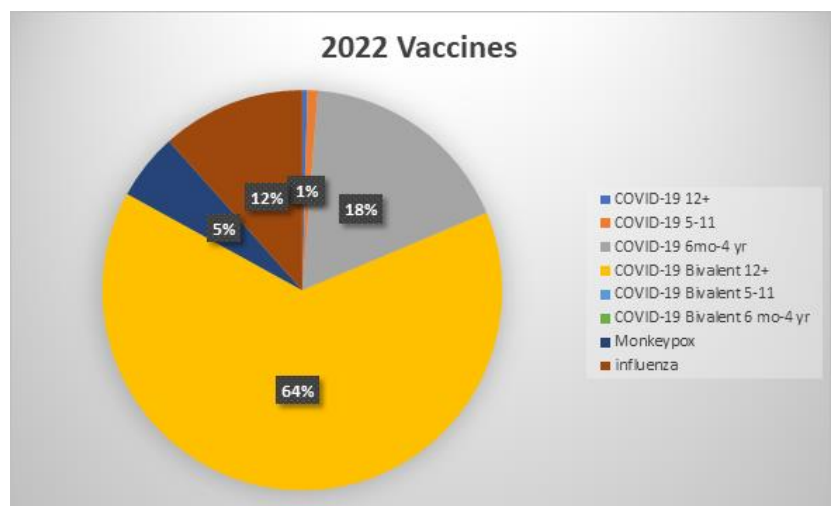
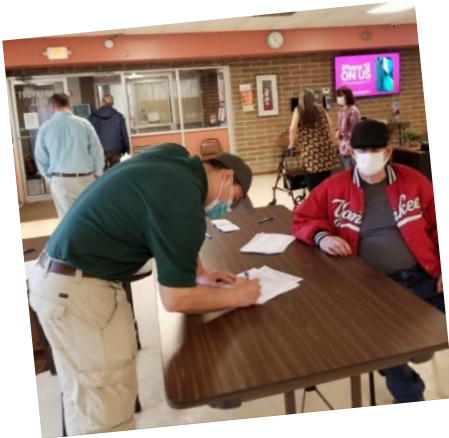
Communicable Disease 2022 Annual Summary

Communicable Diseases	Total
COVID-19	2824
Campylobacteriosis	*
Chlamydia infection	207
CP-CRE	*
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing (O157:H7, Not O157, Unknown Serotype)	*
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	*
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic	*
Hepatitis C - chronic	11
Hepatitis E	*
Gonococcal infection	55
Influenza - ODH Lab Results	*
Influenza-associated hospitalization	*
Legionellosis	*
Lyme Disease	*
Monkeypox	*
Salmonellosis	*
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	*
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	*
Syphilis - unknown duration or late	*
Varicella	*
Total	
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Immunization

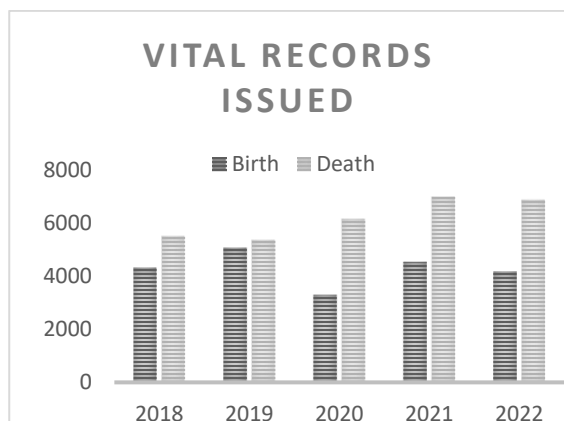
Vaccines continue to be a safe and effective means to prevent certain communicable diseases. While no vaccine is 100% effective, vaccination has been shown to decrease spread, reduce complications and death. Immunization clinics were held in-house by the Kent City Health Department where COVID and Influenza vaccines were offered several times throughout 2022. The COVID-19 Bivalent vaccine was also administered as well as the Monkeypox vaccine. At home visits, and mobile & drive-through clinics were held at scheduled locations in the city of Kent.

- A total of **703** immunizations were given at the Kent City Health Department in 2022 compared to 854 in 2021.
- This is an 18% decrease over 2021.
- There was a decrease in the 12+ due to decrease interest in boosters after receiving the primary series and fewer adults needing the primary series
- Increase in all other categories due to availability of vaccines to those age groups

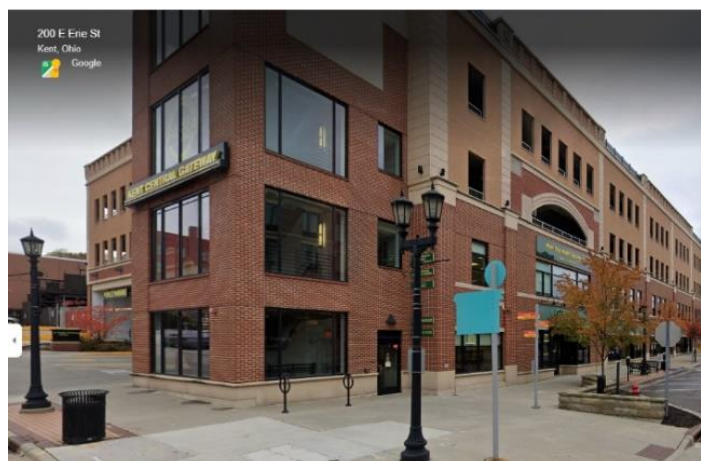


Vital Statistics

Filed Ohio birth & death records for all of Portage County dating from 1909 – present can be obtained at the Kent City Health Department. A total of **4160** certified birth certificates were issued during 2022. That is a decrease of 8% from those issued in 2021, possibly due to the [REAL ID Act](#) full enforcement being extended to 2025. There were **6851** certified death certificates issued throughout the year, a decrease of 2% of the certificates issued compared to 2021. From the total records issued during 2022, **2038** birth certificates and **1128** death certificates are from 2022 paid online orders processed through Permitium VitalDirector. Online ordering is easy to use and is available 24 hours per day, out of convenience more requestors are now using this method.



<https://oh-kent.civicplus.com/218/Vital-Record>





Mosquito Control Program

Program Goals

1. To educate the public on practices that will reduce the number of mosquito breeding sites and methods to use to reduce feeding activities of mosquitoes.
2. To monitor mosquito populations in the city of Kent in order to determine problem areas where control measures are needed.
3. To reduce the number of disease-carrying and pest mosquitoes in an environmentally responsible manner.

Education and Community Outreach

Kent City Health Department provides information on matters such as mosquito repellents, vector-borne disease, proper practices to reduce mosquito breeding and control methods used. In 2022, KCHD responded to 5 mosquito related service requests compared the 2 that were received in 2021 and 8 in 2020.

Surveillance

Surveillance is routine monitoring of mosquito populations throughout the community by regularly inspecting known breeding locations and monitoring adult female populations using special traps. The male mosquito does not bite and is therefore harmless to animals, including humans. The real “danger” comes into play as the female mosquitoes will extract blood from several warm-blooded sources which often carry diseases that are passed on with every subsequent bite. Weekly mosquito counts at each trapping location are compared previous years data in order to delineate problem areas and determine where control efforts should be concentrated. Within the city of Kent, **486** (677 in 2021; 400 in 2020) mosquito traps were set in 2022, yielding **29,869** (48,994 in 2021; 29,238 in 2020) female mosquitoes. **589** (pools of 50) (898 in 2021, 746 in 2020) of Culex species were sent to the Ohio Department of Health Lab for West Nile Virus (WNV) testing. 5 mosquito samples (pools of 50 female mosquitoes) tested positive for WNV. In 2021, 23 mosquito samples test positive for WNV. In 2020, 2 mosquito samples tested positive for WNV. Due to resource restraints caused pandemic response, ODH lab limited on testing for WNV. This does not mean there was less of a WNV risk in the Kent community as it may only take one bite from an infected mosquito to transmit a disease. Any positive sample is a concern as it indicates the disease is present in the community.

Larva Control

Mosquito control is most effective in the larval stages since they are concentrated in a smaller area and cannot fly away. Larval control is achieved through source reduction (elimination of standing water) and using safe, effective chemical control methods that minimize their impact on the environment. In 2022, over **388** mosquito breeding sites were inspected and abated. In 2021, over **595** (612 in 2020) mosquito breeding sites were abated. This drop maybe connected to staffing issues with seasonal employees and drier conditions throughout the mosquito breeding season.

Adult Control

Spraying adult mosquitoes is occasionally necessary to reduce the risk to public health when mosquito populations increase or when mosquito-borne diseases are detected in the area. This program reduces the number of disease carrying and pest mosquitoes by the spraying of residential areas with ultra-low-volume (ULV) mist spray equipment. 4 total ULV spray applications were performed in the city of Kent in 2022 and 10 barrier applications (backpack sprays). During 2022, 162 miles were driven to abate approximately **6,533** of residential areas with ultra-low-volume (ULV) mist spray equipment.



Performance Measures					
Measure	2018	2018	2020	2021	2022
Adult Mosquito Surveillance Program					
Traps Set	221	341	400	677	486
Counts reported	26,467	36,250	29,238	48,994	29,869
Number of Pools	566	730	746	898	589
Positive WNV Pools	55	18	2	23	5
Larval Control Program					
Breeding Sites Abated	520	572	612	595	388
Service Requests	8	10	8	12	5
Adult Control Program					
ULV Abatement Events	8	12	4	12	14

In 2022, the program faced staffing challenges along with surveillance trap/battery maintenance issues which led to less traps being set. Less traps and a drier summer reduced the number of samples. Some measures were lower in 2020 due to the limitations the pandemic presented. Though 2021 was still a pandemic season, the program was able to operate back to pre-pandemic capacities. The constraints from the pandemic response reduced the number of positive pools (in 2020) as ODH was not able to test for WNV and only a few of the pools submitted were tested by the CDC. Ohio Environmental Protection

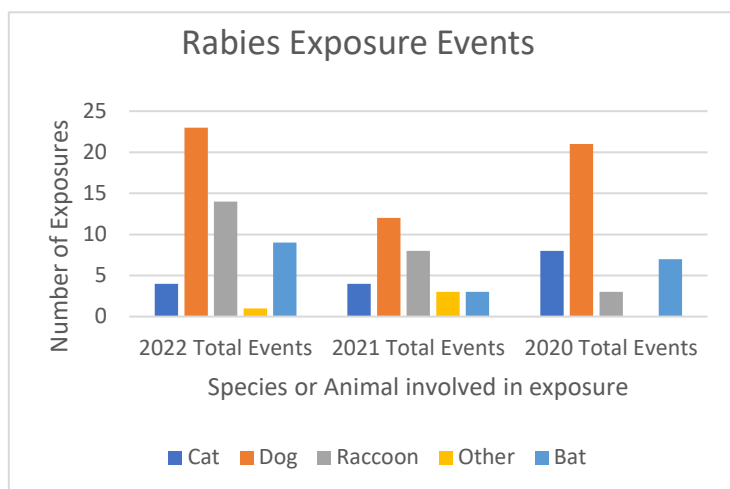
Agency Mosquito Control Grant Program

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (Ohio EPA) Mosquito Control Grant (MCG) Program is a collaborative effort between Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The MCG Program was developed to make funding available to entities responsible for implementing mosquito control measures in support of Ohio's efforts to reduce the potential for an outbreak of mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika, West Nile, and La Cross Encephalitis. The MCG Program makes grant monies available to any agency of the state if that agency can demonstrate collaboration and obtain sponsorship from its LHD. The KCHD was able to demonstrate collaborations with ODH and was fortunate to received 25k in grant funding to support the 2022 mosquito season. With this money, 10K was spent employing 2 Kent State Students (2 Public Health undergrad concentrations) for 15 weeks. 9k was spent purchasing a new adult control chemical that is water based and less toxic. 3k was spent purchasing larva control chemicals. 2k was spent purchasing Community Outreach items to pass out at special events. 1k was spent to improve surveillance equipment and storage capacities.

Rabies Investigation

Per Ohio Revised Code, animal bite incidents should be reported within 24 hours to a health commissioner of the local health jurisdiction for investigation to assist in protecting the public from possible rabies exposures. All reports of animal bites or exposures occurring in the city of Kent are investigated. The Kent City Health Department follows up on exposures to prevent possible rabies outbreaks.

Exposure events increased in 2022 for Dogs, Raccoons and Bats. Dogs exposures are similar to previous years, the reason for a lower number in 2021 is unknown. Bat exposures may have increased due to the elimination of the vacant buildings in the area and increased conservation efforts. Raccoon exposure events have increased due to the increased demand for USDA samples.



RABIES EXPOSURE EVENTS IN KENT					
Species or Animals	Bites	Non-Bites	2022 Total Events	2021 Total Events	2020 Total Events
Cat	3	1	4	4	8
Dog	23	0	23	12	21
Raccoon	0	14	14	8	3
Other	0	1	1	3	0
Bat	0	9	9	3	7
Totals	26	25	51	30	39

Kent City Health Department provided 15 of the 97 non-exposure (roadkill or found dead) samples tested from Portage County to the USDA Wildlife Services Enhanced Surveillance program. USDA Wildlife Services collected and tested 628 samples in 2022. There were 4 raccoon rabies positives, all of which have been found in Mahoning County. No rabies related variants were found in Kent.

Food Safety Program

The mission of the Kent City Health Department Food Safety Program is to protect and improve the health of consumers by assuring foods are safe and are not adulterated, misbranded, or falsely advertised. The Food Safety Program is responsible for licensing and inspecting retail food businesses. These include grocery stores, restaurants, bars, delis, convenience stores, vending machines, food carts, and all food sold at events and festivals. The inspections are a service provided for the public to ensure the safety of Kent food supply for all people who visit or live in the city. Results of these inspections can be found at: https://www.healthspace.com/clients/ohio/kent/kent_web_live.nsf

Food inspectors focus on the top five risk factors that most often are responsible for foodborne illness outbreaks which are:

1. Improper hot/cold holding temperatures of potentially hazardous food
2. Improper cooking temperatures of food
3. Dirty and/or contaminated utensils and equipment
4. Poor employee health and hygiene
5. Food from unsafe sources

When food is being prepared by either the public in their home, or by a food facility operator, the presence of one or more of these risk factors dramatically increases the risk of a foodborne illness outbreak. If one of these risk factors is observed in a retail food facility, it constitutes a major violation and must be immediately corrected. Often the correction involves the destruction of food products to minimize the risk of foodborne illness to the public. Kent City Health Department focuses on these risk factors and other risk-based issues when completing inspections.

Food Safety Overview in the city of Kent during 2022

- ❖ Food Service Operations (FSO) total: **143**
- ❖ Mobile Food Service Operations total: **15**
- ❖ Retail Food Establishments (RFE) total: **47**
- ❖ Vending Operations total: **8**

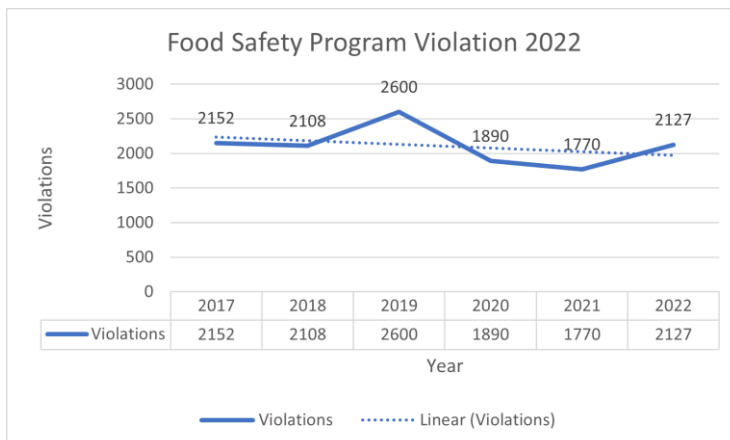
Food Safety Performance Measures					
Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Licenses Issued					
FSO	140	140	137	146	143
RFE	44	45	42	47	42
Mobile FSO/RFE	7	11	7	12	15
Vending	23	22	23	12	8

A drop in vending machine licenses is related to KSU vending locations being managed by a new company that has removed all cold food storage locations, resulting in less licenses. Another location converted to a Micro Market. Drop in overall licenses issued may be due to less turnover of new operators.

- **518 inspections conducted:**
 - 237 standard**
 - 130 standard/critical control point**
 - 9 standard/process review**
 - 48 follow-up**
 - 33 pre-licensing**
 - 30 complaints**
 - 31 consultations**
- **2127 violations documented:**
 - 498 critical violations-** Most cited:
 - 62 date marking issues/3717-1-3.4(G)**
 - 22 clean food contact surfaces/3717-1-4.5(A)(1)**
 - 56 ODH Managers Certification in Food Protection**
- **36 complaints received**
- **Special events attended:**
 - 13 temporary facilities licensed/inspected**

Food Safety Performance Measures					
Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Food Inspections					
Inspection Count	543	716	525	493	518
Violations	2108	2600	1890	1770	2127
Critical Violations	535	492	417	326	498
Complaints	30	25	29	44	36

The Food Safety program has been working on a Quality Improvement project for enforcement action on delinquent Food Operators. The goal of the project was to increase compliance with the Ohio Food Code through education then enforcement. As a result, more inspections were completed which increased the total number of violations cited. Improper date marking violations continues to lead critical violation issued. This could be connected to the increase in violations regarding a lack of a ODH Certified Managers present at the facility. Decreased complaints rendered could be attributed to guests not finding concerns with sanitation when dining out.



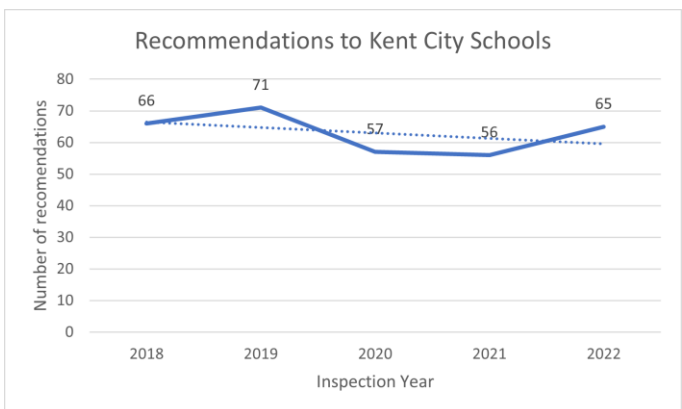
School Inspection

The Kent City Health Department inspects public and private schools for environmental health and safety concerns. The school inspection program works to improve the health and safety of Kent schools through non-regulatory means. Poor environmental conditions can prevent academic progress by making it harder for students to concentrate, causing or exacerbating illness in students and staff, increasing absences and lost workdays, and diverting school funds to pay for costly repair and remediation projects. **In 2022, the Kent City Health Department completed 7 school inspections and 1 complaint inspection and made 65 recommendations.**

George Joseph, the Superintendent at the Kent City School District, sent a plan for school reopening after the pandemic forced schools to close. Kent City Health Department staff did not provide an official approval of the plan. It was reviewed and feedback was provided to the school district. Multiple phone calls from concerned parents were handled throughout the pandemic regarding safety and health of the students.

School Inspection Program - Performance Measures					
Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Inspections	9	9	9	8	8
Recommendations	66	71	57	56	65

Recommendations have been trending down as the district is able to follow through on the feedback provided by Kent City Health Department. Slight increase in 2022 due to roof issues caused when new air conditioning units were installed.



Multiple-Use Housing Program

The Kent City Health Department annually inspects each of the licensed multiple-use rental properties within the city limits to help protect tenants from unsafe living conditions by enforcing the maintenance standards outlined in the Environmental Health and Housing Maintenance Code. Common violations include missing smoke alarms, missing carbon monoxide alarms, missing fire extinguishers, improper means of egress, solid waste violations, pest infestation, inadequate handrails, improper ventilation, plumbing and electrical problems. Owners that fail to meet the minimum standards outlined in the housing code are required to make timely repairs to bring the properties into compliance. There are a large number of residents that live in rental properties in the city of Kent and the code was originated to improve the environmental health, safety, and sanitation levels of these rental properties.



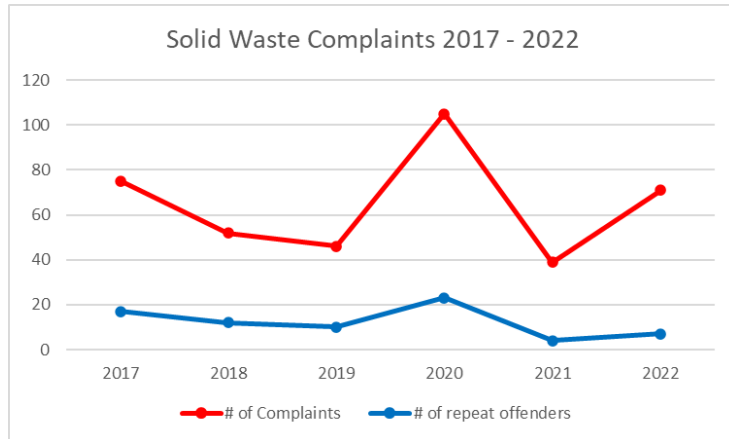
Year	Number of Properties	Number of Bedrooms	Number of Inspections
2018	309	10,763	557
2019	316	11,120	505
2020	316	11,144	383
2021	318	11,146	417
2022	319	11,151	424

Statistical data shows the number of re-inspections decreased significantly throughout the COVID pandemic despite a small increase in properties over the last few years. A return to 'normalcy' should result in additional re-inspections throughout 2023.

Solid Waste Program

The Kent City Health Department enforces the local solid waste ordinance adopted by Kent City Council. Properties in violation of the solid waste ordinance 521.08 risk potential citations and are given 24 hours to comply or risk additional fines. Solid waste violations may include:

- Excessive trash littering tree lawns, porches, and front yards.
- Discarded trash and furniture that remain along the tree lawn for multiple days before removal.
- Empty solid waste containers sit along the tree lawn for multiple days after pickup.
- Improper storage containers used to store solid waste.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Citations</u>
2018	49	17
2019	61	34
2020	111	73
2021	46	35
2022	71	31

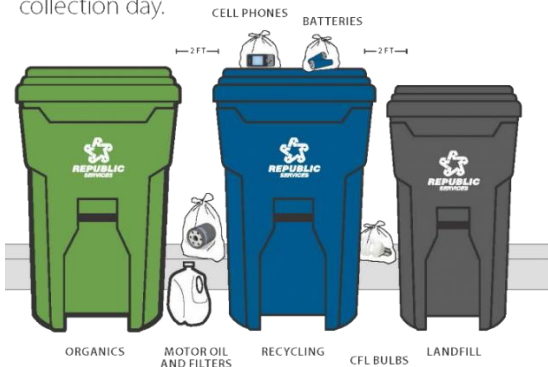
2022 saw a significant increase in solid waste complaints while the number of repeat offenders had only increased slightly and decreased when put into the context of historic complaint data. A potential reason for the increase in number of complaints includes the return of most of the off-campus student population after the Covid 19 Pandemic and the resulting gap in familiarity regarding the City of Kent Solid Waste Ordinance.

Solid Waste Haulers

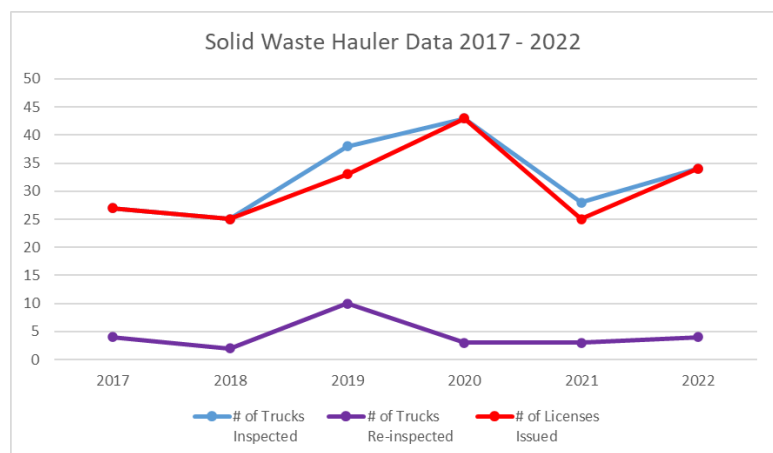
Annual inspections of all solid waste haulers are conducted to ensure that they are not creating a danger to the public's health or the environment. These vehicles are regulated through the codified ordinances of Kent.

Cart Setout Instructions

Set carts on the street next to the curb and away from vehicles. Place carts out by 6 am on your collection day.

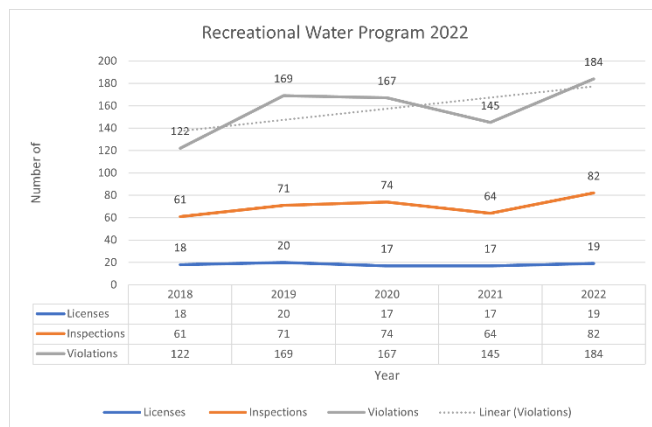


During 2022 the Kent City Health Department inspected 34 solid waste trucks; of those, 4 underwent a required re- inspection. A total of 34 solid waste haulers were licensed in 2022.



Recreational Water Program

Public swimming pools, spas and special use pools are regulated under the authority of Chapter 3749 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3701-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The public swimming pool rules were created to establish minimum standards, applicable throughout Ohio, for the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of these facilities in order to protect the bathing public from injury, minimize the potential for disease transmission, and provide a safe and healthy aquatic recreational environment. These rules do not pertain to private residential pools. Swimming pools can be the source of many diseases, such as Giardia, Cryptosporidium, and E. coli and injuries such as slips, falls, and accidental entrapment. The purpose of the Kent City Health Department Recreational Water inspection program is to assure that all public swimming pools and spas are maintained in a safe and healthful condition.



In 2022, the Kent City Health Department issued a total of 19 (17 facilities) Swimming Pool and Spa licenses in the city of Kent. There was a total of 82 (35 Standard, 20 Inventory, 26 Follow-up, 1 Consultation, 0 Complaint) inspections of the licensed facilities with 184 violations cited.

Recreational Water Program -Performance Measures					
Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Licenses Issued	18	20	17	17	19
Inspections	61	71	74	64	82
Violations	122	169	167	145	184

A pool operator holding 2 licenses change ownership mid-season which required 2 new licenses to be issued. Kent City still only has 17 pool/spa facilities. Multiple pools required follow-up inspections to ensure compliance with the Ohio Pool Rules. These follow-ups increased the total of inspections and repeat violations issued. The current state of the country's economy may be limiting property owners to make repairs. One pool renovated without building permits or ODH approval.

Tattoo & Body Piercing

Body Art Establishments

The Kent City Health Department provides sanitation and safety standards for the regulation of body art establishments, conducting plan reviews and licensing of the facility that provides tattoos, Permanent cosmetics, and body piercings. Body art in Ohio is regulated under the authority of Chapter 3730.01 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3701-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Prevention of injury and disease is the goal of inspection program. Possible health risk complications of body art include:



HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, bacterial and/or viral infections of the skin or other parts of the body, mild to fatal allergic reactions, toxicity of heavy metals and pigments associated with dyes. Use of unsafe jewelry materials may also contribute to infections.

In 2022, the Kent City Health Department licensed 6 Body Art Establishments in the city of Kent. During 2022, there were a total of 13 (8 Standard, 3 Pre-licensing, 0 Follow-up, 1 Consultation, 1 Complaint) inspections of the facilities with 5 violations cited. A drop in violations may be due to increase compliance by operators or violations were not observed during standard inspection.

Body Art Program - Performance Measures						
Measure	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Licenses	6	5	6	6	6	6
Inspections	10	10	10	10	12	13
Violations	18	14	17	10	16	5

Tobacco Control Program

Kent City Health Department receives grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health to work on tobacco control, prevention, and cessation programming. Through this grant the Kent City Health Department helped pass Tobacco 21 in 2018. Since then, the same policy has been instituted at the state and federal levels. Tobacco 21 is an innovative and evidence-based policy to reduce youth smoking/e-cigarette use over the next decade. To ensure this policy does as intended, the health department conducts compliance checks with Kent tobacco vendors and, if necessary, enforcement action is taken with potentially non-compliant vendors. Tobacco 21 has one main goal: to reduce the uptake of youth tobacco/e-cigarette use. By raising the age in which a person can purchase tobacco, it cuts off the ability for products to be sold secondhand to teenagers. Over time, this will reduce the number of people who try these products and become addicted to them. The goals of the Kent City Health Department Tobacco program are:

- Prevent both youth and adults from starting smoking or e-cigarettes through programming.
- Provide educational messaging and advertising regarding tobacco and nicotine use.
- Promote safe quitting methods, such as the Ohio Quit Line 1-800-QUIT NOW, and other cessation tactics.
- Develop policies for businesses, housing complexes, and schools to ensure a smoke-free environment for everyone.



T21 Compliance Check Data

Date	Total Vendors	Compliant Vendors	Compliant Percentage
Spring 2019	29	21	72%
Fall 2019	25	21	84%
*2020 compliance checks were not conducted due to the COVID pandemic.			
Spring 2021	22	17	77%
Spring 2022	18	10	55%
Average	23.5	17.25	72%

In Spring of 2022 only 18 tobacco compliance checks took place in the City of Kent. The program went through staffing changes and several deliverables for the grants were not completed for the 2021-2022 grant year. Out of the 18 vendors only 10 were compliant, bringing in the compliance rate down to 55% and decreasing the average rate to 72%. The tobacco grant was renewed for the 2022-2023 grant year, and work began in July of 2022. Kent City Council passed Ordinance NO 2022-071, on July 20th, 2022. This ordinance is also known as the Tobacco Retail License Ordinance. This ordinance requires all tobacco retailers in the City of Kent to register for a license with the Kent City Health Department and meet certain qualifications. If an establishment continues to fail compliance checks and does not adhere to the standards provided their license can be revoked and they will no longer be able to sell tobacco products in the City of Kent. This practice allows the Kent City Health Department to hold tobacco retailers in the city accountable for properly training their staff, and not selling to underage youth. The licensing fees will allow the program to be self-sustainable. Fees will be used to pay staff for work, retailer training and resources as well as other programming needs.

Smoke-Free Workplace

Ohio voters approved a smoking ban in November of 2006 which prohibits smoking in public places and places of employment. The ban provides a statewide minimum standard of protection from the health hazards associated with exposure to secondhand smoke. Enforcement of the ban by the Ohio Department of Health became effective May 3, 2007. Kent City Health Department has been designated by the Ohio Department of Health to provide enforcement of the law and rules in the city of Kent.

VAPING REGULATION BECAME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 01, 2021.

Vaping is defined as smoking and is prohibited in all places where state law prohibits smoking. Regardless of whether the vape contains nicotine or not, vaping is smoking. Public places and places of employment are required to be smoke and vape free.

If a public place or place of employment is permitting smoking and/or vaping, they will be found in violation of the smoke free law. A store in which greater than 80% of their sales are vape related is considered a Retail Vapor Store (RVS). The law allows a RVS to request exemption each year to permit vaping inside the store. This exemption is to permit vaping inside only, not combustion smoking (including hookah).



Once the rules are passed to support the law RVS retailers will be able to request this exemption, so until rules are passed, there will be no enforcement actions against an RVS that is permitting vaping inside their store. However, violations will be cited for other public places and places of employment for permitting vaping inside since the law is already in effect as of October 2021.

A Retail Tobacco Store (RTS) that has been granted exemption to permit smoking inside their store can permit vaping inside (since vaping is defined as smoking).

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/smoke-free-workplace-program/welcome>

In the city of Kent during 2022, 5 Smoke-Free workplace violations were reported. 5 investigations completed. 3 dismissed (*no violations observed*), and 1 notice of warnings was issued (*from one or more violations observed*). 1 Notice of Violation was issued resulting in a fine. A Notice of Violation Warnings were issued for locations regarding insufficient or no signage posted at required locations, permitting smoking in a prohibited area and ashtrays present.



<i>Smoke-free Workplace – Performance Measures</i>					
Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reports	6	15	9	8	5
Investigations	5	12	9	8	5
Notice of Violation	1	4	2	4	2
Fines Issued	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissed by Kent City Health Dept.- <i>No Violation Found</i>	5	11	7	4	3

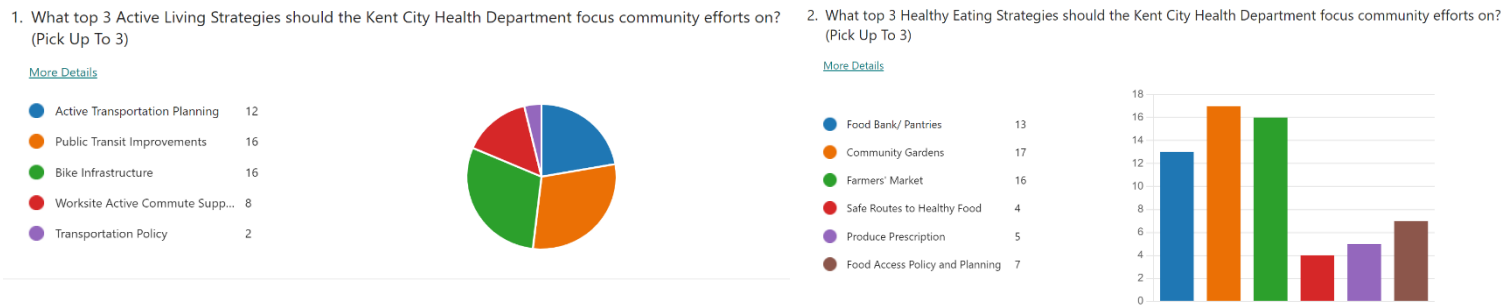
Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Capacity Grant

The Kent City Health Department was awarded the 2022-2023 HEAL Grant from the Ohio Department of Health in September 2022. The grant runs from September 30th, 2022, to September 29th, 2023. The grant has five deliverables, with each deliverable being worth \$2,000.00 at the time of completion. The grants total available value is \$10,000.00. In 2022 deliverables one and two were completed for a total of \$2,000.00.

The Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) Assessment allowed the health department to identify gaps in the city, and where the health department should focus programming, planning and policy efforts. A PSE Assessment is a self-assessment used by local health departments and/or other community organizations to assess current policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) strategies for healthy eating and active living (HEAL) in their communities and use results to inform future work. The Health Department was able to leverage the Health Equity Task Force Meetings to provide updates and gather feedback from the community on the HEAL grant and the PSE Assessment.

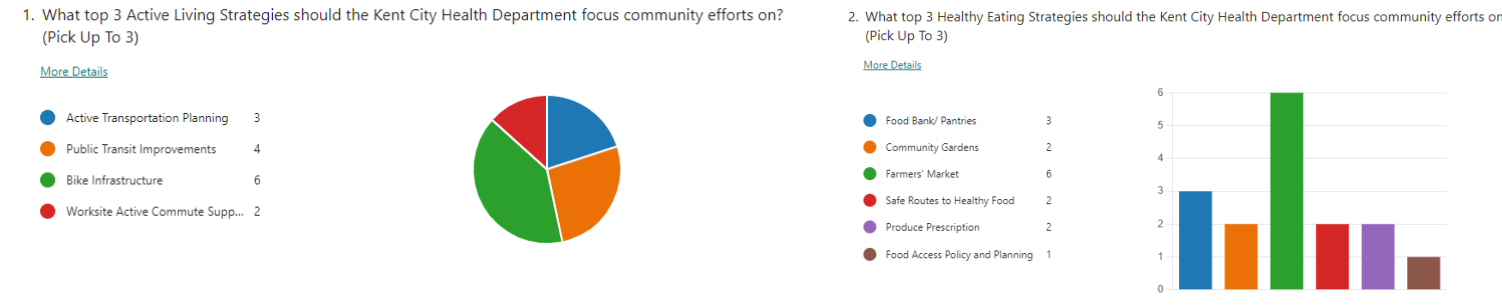
PSE Assessment Community Feedback

Community members were asked via anonymous online survey what 3 active living strategies and 3 healthy eating strategies the health department should focus on. There were 23 responses. The active living strategies were public transit improvements, bike infrastructure and active transportation planning. The healthy eating strategies were to focus on farmer’s markets, community gardens and food banks/ pantries.



PSE Assessment Partner Feedback

Community partners were asked via anonymous online survey what 3 active living strategies and 3 healthy eating strategies the health department should focus on. There were 6 responses The community members identified the 6 major strategies. The active living strategies included bike infrastructure, public transit improvements and active transportation planning. The healthy eating strategies were to focus on farmer’s markets, community gardens and food banks/ pantries.



These responses along with the information gathered from the PSE Assessment has allowed Kent City Health Department to see where there are gaps, needs and desire for change. The six major strategies identified were the same for both the community partner and community member responses. The information gathered will provide focus for future grant, outreach, and education work.



KENT CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT VISTA GRANT OPPORTUNITY 2023 & REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS

The Health Department has followed up on its plan to apply for a VISTA Grant. We were notified we were awarded \$159,062.00. This grant will be used to hire individuals to gain experience in local public health. The Grant will cover hourly wage as well as insurance costs and equipment such as computers so they will have the necessary resources.

I respectfully ask for approval to accept this grant and appropriate the money, which will be lump sum to line 001-02-520-201-7390.

Total award not to exceed \$159,062.00.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joan Seidel MA, BSN, RN, FAPIC, CIC
Health Commissioner



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) GRANT OPPORTUNITY 2023 & REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS

The Health Department has annually participated in the EPA grant for many years. The purpose of the grant is to reduce risk from West Nile Virus and other vector borne diseases through treating larva and adult (female) mosquitos. The opportunity to learn about Public Health is also afforded by this grant in the allowable means to hire interns. This grant is typically awarded in April.

I respectfully ask for approval to accept this grant for 2023 and appropriate the money to following lines:

\$15,000.00 to 001-02-520-201-7420 for equipment and supplies

\$10,000.00 to 001-02-520-201-7340 for Ryan Staffing

Total award not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joan Seidel MA, BSN, RN, FAPIC, CIC
Health Commissioner



CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Fiala
City Council Members

From: Staff

Date: March 1, 2023

Item: 4.1. - Special Events and Road Closures

Summary: Staff would like to discuss the possibility of the Administration approving road closures for special events.

Prepared by: Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Attachments: None



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

MEMO

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager
All of Council

FROM: Melanie A. Baker, Service Director

DATE: 2/22/2023

SUBJECT: Trash and Recycling contracts and bidding

I would like to respectfully request time before Council to discuss our current trash and recycling contracts. These contracts expire on July 1, 2023.

I would like to review our current contracts.

Trash

- What type of services are offered, current costs and how many residents are registered for each service.
- What other communities are paying and what types of services they have.
- What if any possibilities we have to follow or add on to other contracts.

Recycling

- I would like to review what services are offered, current cost and how many residents are registered for service.
- What other communities are paying and what type of recycling is offered by other haulers.

I would like to look at these costs in light of how many services we offer and if there is any cost savings in going more automated.

I am also reviewing these costs in conjunction with all the fees residents pay for other current services offered in Kent. Such as sewer, water, solid waste, etc.

A written review of these items will be supplied at the Council meeting.

This review is for discussion purposes only and I am looking for guidance from you as the City Manager and Council as to what they would like to see occur with the trash and recycling contracts.

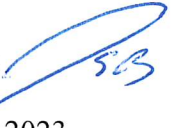
I will need to bid or find an alternative way to address our contracts before July 1, 2023.

I thank you for consideration of this time.

CITY OF KENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

MEMO

TO: Dave Ruller
Amy Wilkens

FROM: Jim Bowling 

DATE: February 22, 2023

RE: Adopting a Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries by 2050 for the City of Kent

Over the past two decades, the City of Kent has moved toward creating a safer transportation network by implementing complete street designs, roadways that encourage slower speeds and by focusing on the more vulnerable users of the road network. This includes an emphasis on increasing the off-street trail network and visibility of bicycle infrastructure. We are recommending that the emphasis on safer, slower, complete streets be enhanced by working with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) to have collaborative and cohesive planning in order to implement measures to reduce serious injury crashes and fatalities within the City of Kent.

We are recommending that City Council approve a resolution supporting a Vision Zero goal for the City of Kent. Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. The Vision Zero concept establishes timelines and a commitment to ensure safety for all people as they move about their communities. Kent's Vision Zero goal will be a data driven process using data provided by ODOT and AMATS and supplemented with Kent specific crash data with an emphasis on equity and active transportation options. The goal is to focus our limited transportation resources to reduce severe injury and fatalities on Kent's roadways with a goal of eliminating roadway deaths by 2050. Shown below are the current efforts to achieving zero fatalities being undertaken by ODOT and AMATS.

Ohio Department of Transportation:

The federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act established five mandatory safety performance measures involving traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The FAST Act requires states set targets in these five measures and to demonstrate progress toward reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries. In response to this requirement, ODOT adopted a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) in 2020. The SHSP is "a comprehensive statewide plan that addresses the prevalent causes of roadway deaths and serious injuries in Ohio." The plan states that "Ohio's sole focus in transportation safety is eliminating traffic deaths and injuries." ODOT's plan can be viewed at:

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/publications/strategic-highway-safety-plan>

Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study:

In August, 2022 AMATS passed Resolution 2022-16 – Adopting a Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries by 2050 for the AMATS Area (attached). The resolution includes a statement that AMATS will develop a Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal with equity at its forefront. AMATS is currently developing the Safety Action Plan and is seeking public input, which can be given at the following:

<https://amatsplanning.org/>

C: Melanie Baker
 Jon Giaquinto
 Rhonda Boyd
 Joan Seidel

**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Policy Committee
Technical Advisory Committee
Citizens Involvement Committee

FROM: AMATS Staff

RE: Resolution 2022-16 – Adopting a Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries
by 2050 for the AMATS Area

DATE: August 4, 2022

Over the past several years AMATS has moved toward creating a safer transportation network by adopting complete streets policies, analyzing sidewalk gaps, and focusing on the more vulnerable users of the network. In addition to these efforts, AMATS has increased the off-street trail network and improved the visibility of bicycle infrastructure. Even with these efforts there is still a need to have a collaborative and cohesive planning in order to reduce crashes and fatalities within the AMATS area.

AMATS is requesting that the AMATS Policy Committee approve a resolution supporting a Vision Zero goal for the greater Akron area. Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. The Vision Zero concept establishes timelines and a commitment to ensure safety for all people as they move about their communities. AMATS goal for Vision Zero is to consistently reduce the number of crashes resulting in severe injury and fatality until reaching the ultimate goal of no deaths on greater Akron roadways by 2050.

As discussed at the June AMATS Committee meetings, the Vision Zero resolution is the first step required for AMATS to develop a Safety Action Plan outlined in the federal grant program, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). AMATS must also establish a taskforce of membership and stakeholders as the Safety Action Plan is developed. All AMATS membership will be invited to join the SS4A Taskforce as it works on a Safety Action Plan to implement AMATS vision zero goal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Attached to this memo is Resolution Number 2022-16. The Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-16

**OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

Approving Resolution 2022-16 to develop, implement, and monitor a Vision Zero Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

WHEREAS, the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with locally elected officials in Summit and Portage Counties and the Chippewa Township and Milton Township areas of Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, AMATS endorses development, implementation, and monitoring of a Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all road users with an emphasis on protecting the most vulnerable users; and

WHEREAS, one death or severe injury on AMATS streets is one too many; and

WHEREAS, collisions resulting in death or severe injury are not inevitable but can be prevented through changes in human behavior, technology, and designs that accommodate multimodal uses; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to life and equitable opportunity for all people in the AMATS area; and

WHEREAS, AMATS promotes a focus on reducing single occupancy vehicle rides and encouraging walking, bicycling, transit, and carpooling, and also promotes safety for all roadway users; and

WHEREAS, choosing active transportation options like walking and biking decreases mortality and morbidity from obesity-related diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, and creating safer streets is likely to encourage more active transportation, thereby increasing population health; and

WHEREAS, AMATS has a strong history of prioritizing safety and completing crash studies for all modes of transportation and has made demonstrable progress to improve safety for walking and biking by making systemic changes in the way the transportation network is planned, programmed, designed, constructed, and operated; and

WHEREAS, between 2016 to 2020, the average number of collisions per year in the AMATS area was 17,650 and the average number of collisions resulting in injury was 4,152. Out of the injury crashes 363 per year (or nearly one per day) were considered serious injury; and

WHEREAS, between 2016 to 2020, 37 people walking or in wheelchairs, 10 people riding a bicycle, and 215 people driving or riding in a vehicle have been killed; and

WHEREAS, the number of people dying and suffering serious injuries on our streets is a serious public health problem which necessitates public action; and

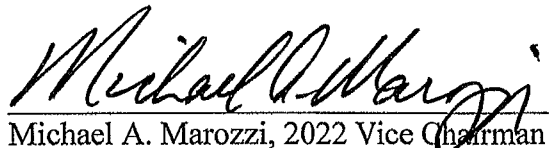
WHEREAS, preventing collisions in the AMATS area necessitates an analytical and systemic approach to street planning, design, policy, enforcement, legal processes, education and communication; and

WHEREAS, implementing a Vision Zero commitment requires the continued support of residents, business owners, and visitors—acting as individuals and collectively through neighborhood or advocacy organizations to improve the safety, comfort, and usability of AMATS streets for all users; and

WHEREAS, AMATS will join other MPO's and government entities around the nation in a commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries and promote work which has demonstrated success when coupled with adequate funding, staff resources, and top-down support for its implementation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee endorses development, implementation, and monitoring of a Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all road users by 2050.
2. That this Committee acknowledges that achieving this goal requires significant effort and resources.
3. That this Committee affirms that the development of a Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal will put equity at its forefront, striving to impact the most vulnerable and dependent users of the most dangerous parts of the transportation network to improve the health and well-being of those traveling on AMATS roads and streets.
4. That this Committee affirms that the Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero goal will use data and best practices to outline steps in planning, engineering, policy, enforcement and education to reach interim steps toward zero deaths.
5. That this Committee affirms that AMATS is dedicated to measuring the progress, challenges, and successes of the Vision Zero commitment and will do so with tangible, reportable metrics that will be reported on a regular basis with progress reports.
6. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.


Michael A. Marozzi, 2022 Vice Chairman
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee

8/11/22
Date



SERVICE MEMORANDUM

To: Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
David Ruller, City Manager

From: Melanie Baker, Public Services Director

Date: March 1, 2023

Item: 5.1. - NOPEC Energized Grant (Melanie Baker)

Summary: Asking for approval to accept the 2023 NOPEC Energizing Community Grant of \$ 54,794.

Prepared by: Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Attachments: 1. Memo City Manage NOPEC Energized Communities Grant 2023

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RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY'S NOPEC GRANTS

Dear Mayor Fiala:

Congratulations! Kent has been awarded a NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) grant of \$54,794 for 2023. NOPEC* and our supply partner NextEra Energy Resources value your community's membership and are awarding this grant to help your community continue your energy efficiency projects to achieve future savings on your utility bills. Please accept your 2023 NEC Grant award by completing your community profile by June 30, 2023.

As was announced at our General Assembly Meeting in November, the timing of the disbursement of 2023 NEC Grant funds is being adjusted slightly from previous years due to the current status of the electric aggregation. Please note that we expect more significant adjustments to 2024 NEC Grant levels as grants are based on the number of customers.

Please note important disbursement-related dates below:

2023 NEC Grant –Important Dates			
Year	Amount	Available for Disbursement	Deadline to Disburse
2018-2021 Balance	\$256,604	Available Now	November 30, 2023
2022 Balance	\$47,681	Available Now	November 30, 2024
2023 Gas Award	\$11,616	Available when 2023 Profile is approved	November 30, 2025
2023 Dual Aggregation Bonus	\$10,423	Available when 2023 Profile is approved	November 30, 2025
2023 Electric Award	\$32,755	October 1, 2023	November 30, 2025

As you can see, communities who are members of both NOPEC's electric and gas aggregations receive enhanced grant bonuses. We are ensuring that these bonus funds are made available to your community as soon as your 2023 profile is approved.

Later this week, you'll receive an e-mail with detailed instructions on how to access your community's grant information. NOPEC's Community Investment Manager, Jessica Renner, is available by email at grants@nopecinc.org or by phone at 440-249-7072 if you have questions. Your Relationship Manager, Jeffrey Heinrich, is also available to help you with any questions.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



Chuck Keiper
Executive Director

cc: David Coffee, Finance Director; Jeffrey Heinrich Relationship Manager

*The NEC grant program is funded and administered by NOPEC, Inc., under agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC).



Energized Community (NEC) Grant

The **NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant Program** provides grants to NOPEC member communities for energy-related projects. Established by NOPEC Inc. and NextEra Energy, the primary goal of providing funds is to help implement energy savings or energy infrastructure measures.



Ideas for 2023 Grant Projects

Grants can be used for **government, residential, and commercial properties**. Here are some examples of what you can do with your grant dollars:

- Lease or purchase of plug-electric vehicles
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Energy-efficient windows
- Solar-powered LED stop signs
- Energy-efficient air conditioner
- Electrical upgrades
- Generators
- Door replacement
- LED lighting upgrades
- Service garage insulation
- Energy-efficient metal roof system
- Installation of radius ceiling fans
- Energy efficient kitchen appliances

Secure Your Grant Dollars

Step 1: Submit Profile at nopecgrants.org — Due by June 30th, 2023

- A. Accept funds by passing community legislation
- B. Complete grant agreement

Step 2: Draw Funds — Due by November 30th, 2025

- A. Submit disbursement requests

Questions?

Contact Jessica Renner, Community Investment Manager, at grants@nopecinc.org.