

Kentucky Energy Communities



THE ENERGY COMMUNITIES IWG IDENTIFIED TWO PRIORITY ENERGY COMMUNITIES SPANNING 41 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT KENTUCKY.



- The Energy Communities IWG has engaged with more than 1,300 stakeholders throughout the state.
- Since 2022, the Illinois Coal Basin and Eastern Kentucky Rapid Response Teams have supported the state's economic growth objectives.
- Kentucky is also part of the Waterways Freight Diversification and Economic Development Initiative, which is focused on revitalizing communities along the Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers Corridor.

INVESTMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Since 2021, Kentucky energy communities have been selected for more than \$1.9 billion in federal investments and more than \$2.3 billion in private sector investments.

Awards to Kentucky Energy Communities by Focus Area	Federal Investments
Energy Infrastructure	\$736,142,098
Other Infrastructure	\$374,242,871
Economic Development	\$340,739,189
Environmental Cleanup	\$219,866,180
Telecommunications/Broadband	\$136,370,954
Transportation Infrastructure	\$46,393,600
Housing	\$43,343,535
Health and Safety	\$13,669,620
Efficiency and Weatherization	\$12,133,262
Education and Workforce Development	\$6,378,071
Low-Income Assistance	\$4,408,811
Other Program Areas	\$160,000
Grand Total	\$1,933,848,191

The federal investments were calculated by the Energy Communities IWG from publicly announced award selections from 2021 through 2024 and include grants, loans and other funding. Formal funding not included. Last updated December 2024.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Examples of the economic revitalization projects taking place in Kentucky's energy communities.

Gurney's Bend



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Perry County, Kentucky

- Investments from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to help develop an affordable housing community in Hazard, Kentucky.
- The city built 15 homes on former mine lands to help solve the lack of affordable housing in the region.

Madisonville Community College



Image sourced from Madisonville Community College.
Hopkins County, Kentucky

- \$180,000 initial grant from the Delta Regional Authority to support a Lineman Training Program targeting displaced coal miners.
- Additional \$133,000 in public investment to expand the college's offerings to include training programs for diesel mechanics and commercial drivers.