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Enriching Communities. Empowering People.



The Green River Area Development District participates annually in a Silver Bells project for residents of personal care homes. Each year, the Green River District Long Term Care Ombudsman program and other GRADD employees work to collect items to fill gift bags for delivery to residents living in 1 or 2 personal care homes in the region at Christmas time. We invite individuals and organizations to contribute to the 2019 Silver Bells project and brighten the holiday season for a personal care resident!

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***snack crackers *gloves *snack cakes
*raisins *drink packets for bottled water**

Donations can be brought to the GRADD office during regular business hours, with a collection cutoff of **December 9th**. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase items to complete the bags, as well as to buy fresh fruit for the bags.

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**GRADD Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday
December 11
10:30 AM**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jason Warren, President/CEO Henderson Community College.

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GRADD Office Closed
Tuesday
December 24



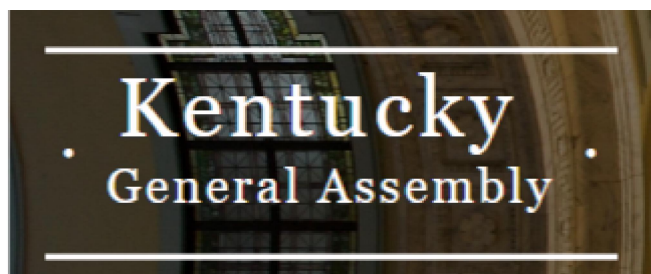
GRADD Office Closed
Wednesday
December 25



GRADD Office Closed
Tuesday
December 31

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GRADD is currently developing the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update due in January 2021 for the region. As part of this process, GRADD is partnering with the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Division (CISA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky on a pilot project to develop the Infrastructure Resilience Planning Framework. They met at the GRADD office on October 29 and 30.

Utilities, roads, communications and other infrastructure systems are essential to community and regional services and are vulnerable to multiple types of physical, cyber, human, and natural threats. This tool will help public administrators, owners, and operators to understand what systems they depend on from one another and to work together to reduce vulnerabilities and prioritize investments.

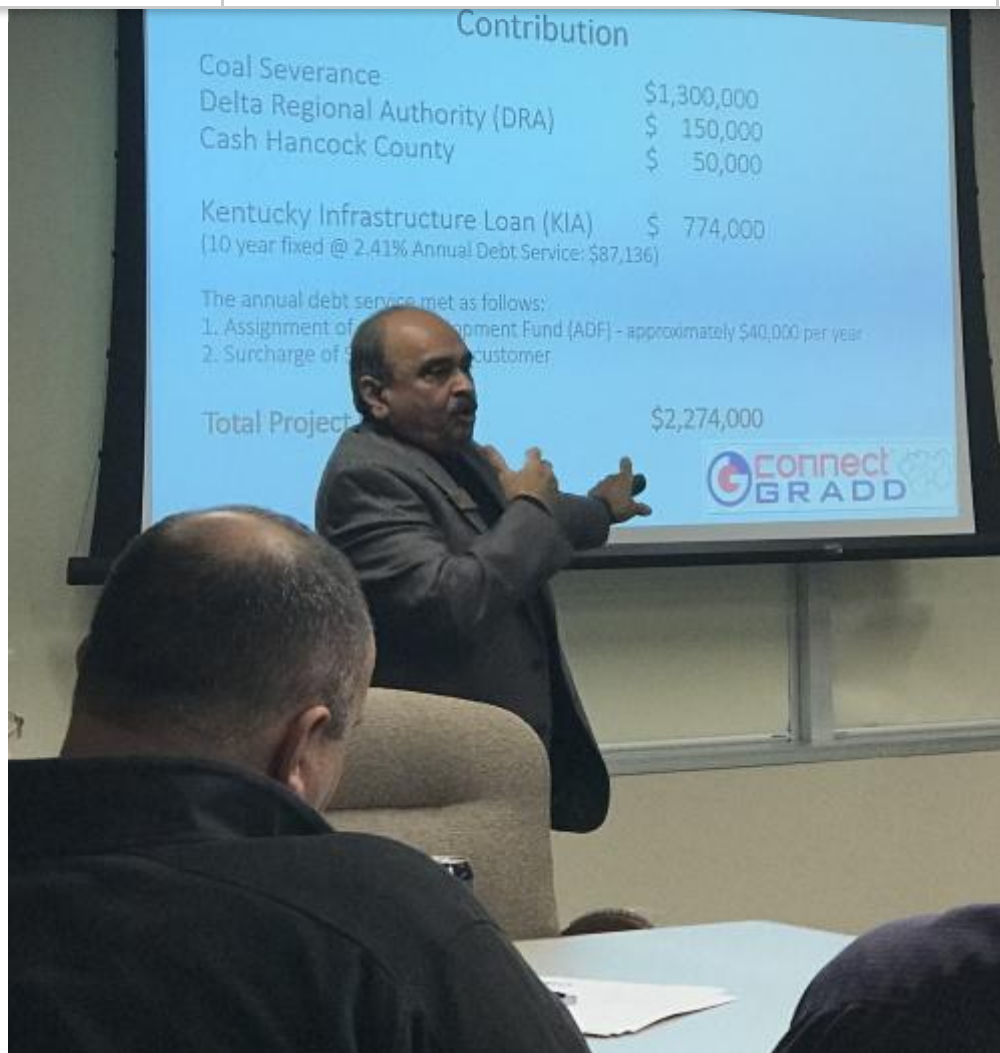
As part of this process, our FEMA partners from Atlanta, CISA from Washington, D.C. and Salt Lake City, UK in Lexington and KYEM in Frankfort attended a series of meetings at GRADD in Owensboro and observed a Hazard Mitigation Community Meeting in the City of Henderson during their stay. These partners will be at the GRADD office January 21-24 for another series of meetings for this pilot project.

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This month Jiten Shah sits down with GRADD Chairman of the Board David Johnston. They look back on the past year at GRADD.





Jiten Shah gives a presentation at the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) on November 20th. He went over the formation of ConnectGRADD and the progress and challenges to bring broadband to rural Kentucky. The seventeen counties of BGADD in central Kentucky are looking for solutions to provide broadband to their rural counties.

The BGADD staff will create a draft Request for Information (RFI) to present to their board in December. The RFI will then be distributed to Internet Service Providers (ISP) to see what solutions are available for broadband delivery.

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On Friday, November 22 the GRADD office in partnership with the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC) hosted the annual Western Kentucky American Planning Association (APA) half day conference.



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