



Kentucky Caucus Agenda
Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fahe Office, 319 Oak Street, Berea, KY 40403

1) Welcome Members and Recognize Guests (Cassie Hudson, Vonda Poynter)
Dawn Grace – FHLB-CIN, Adrienne Bush – HHCK; Jessica Shelton, Antwoine Linton -KHC;
Tom Carew, Traci Vaught, Blaine Barnes- USDA-RD; Billie Hardin -KY EEC; Travis Weber, DLG

2) Around the Horn – What lessons learned would you like to share with Members working on flood recovery in NE TN & SW VA? OR What is going on right now at your organization?

30 min

PARTNER TIME

3) USDA Updates – Tom Carew, Traci Vaught, Blaine Barnes **20 min**
a. USDA Federal Allocations/Spending
b. Rural Housing Assistance Grants (RHAG) status

4) KHC Updates – Jessica Shelton, Antwoine Linton **20 min**
a. Upcoming Homebuyer & Home Repair NOFA
b. ARPA program(s) status, HOME-ARP with Supportive Housing; HOME ARP rental SHP with LIHTC awards – funding status
c. Rural Housing Trust Funds – Round 1 being expended
d. Rural Housing Trust Fund – Round 2 status

5) Federal Home Loan Bank Update – Dawn Grace **20 min**
a. Advisory Council Interest?
b. Carol M. Peterson Close out
c. 2024 AHP – announcement 2nd week of Nov.
d. DRP – Reservation process extended to 4 years – Moving well?
e. Mfg. Home Replacement (pre-1976) Grant Pilot Program – “First 100”

6) HHCK Updates - Adrienne Bush **15 min**
a. KY Legislature Affordable Housing Caucus
b. State Legislative Actions on Housing

7) CDBG Updates – Travis Weber **15 min**
a. CDBG Update – Travis Weber, DLG 21 CDBG-DR for WKY & EKY - [Housing Can't Wait](#)
b. CDBG-DR – apply for duplexes under multi-family rental
c. 2022 CDBG-DR – Fahe contract for administration pending

8) Team KY EEC - Billie Hardin, Gladstone Sellers, Horne (virtual) **15 min**
a. Solar for All
b. Rebate Implementer
c. Training Funds

9) Fahe Membership Business **15 min**
a. Review Previous Minutes and Action Items **pp.3-8**
b. Jim's Updates
i. A Board Elections (Angie Allen, Nominating Cmte)
ii. Fahe Challenge

- c. 4 Corner Working Groups – (Jackie) – Meetings in November: **5 min**
- Capacity – **Nov. 12** @ 10:30am (recurring 1st Tues. every other month)
 - Narrative – **Nov. 12** @ 3:00pm (recurring day/time TBD at the meeting in Nov.)
 - People – **Nov. 20** @ 3:00pm (3rd Wed. every other month)
 - Money – **Nov. 25** @ 2:30 pm ET (4th Mon. every other month)

LUNCH – 12:30 pm

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS TIME - CAUCUS TIME - Open Floor – topic or a question for next meeting?
 1 pm **10 min**

10) Advocacy - Maggie Riden **pp. 9-13** **30 min**

- a. KY Caucus Elevator pitch:
 Due to Decades of underinvestment, recent population growth and severe natural disasters, Kentucky has an insufficient housing supply. We can combat this through creating jobs and economic activity by allowing local employers to help create family self-sufficiency. The work of the KY Fahe Caucus is transforming Appalachian communities by developing and preserving quality housing which is an essential ingredient to healthy communities.
- b. Advocacy Coalition – Kentucky Strategy Retreat – Andrew Bates abates@fahe.org
- c. Federal Updates & Discussion on Appropriations – Josh Stewart, Kylie Milliken

11) Member Interest – Updates Traviss Witt **p. 14** **20 min**

- a. ARC ARISE – Fahe's VITAL Planning Grant expectations
- b. Energy Opportunities – pending RFP from awardees - Traviss
- c. PRICE Awards pending – Traviss
- d. Solar Ready Housing - Seth Long (any interest in training?)

12) Fahe Updates **30 min**

- a. Board Meeting Report – Sept. 20 – Scott McReynolds, Seth Long
- b. Membership Updates **pp. 15-16**
 - Reporting – QE 6-30-24 status- Jackie
 - 2024 Training Opportunities – Jackie
 - Fahe History Project & Survey – Diedre Kendall, Fahe AmeriCorps VISTA
 - Member Disaster Risk Assessment – Jeremy Cornett, Fahe AmeriCorps VISTA
- d. Programs/Disaster Resiliency/Housing Can't Wait – update from Ashton Whitley **p.17**
- e. Research – REED Cmte, Data Explorer Update – see packet **p.18**
- f. Communication Introduction – Lina Page, Kevin Flora
- g. Lending – Community Lending and [JustChoice Lending](#) (link to flyers)
- h. Partners for Rural Transformation - Sara Ball **p.19**

Upcoming Events

- **November** - Four Corner Working – see dates above
- **2024 Virginia Housing Conference** – November 13-15, 2024
- **February 10-14** - NeighborWorks America NTI — Philly
- **August 25-29** - NeighborWorks America NTI – New Orleans

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Kentucky Caucus Minutes
Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fahe Office, 319 Oak Street, Berea, KY 40403

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Wilma Kelley	BHDC	Erica King	Guest-USDA RD
Amanda Voyles	BHDC	Andrew Bates	Fahe
Charles Lester	BWCAA	Diedre Kendall	Fahe
Ken Stuber	CAP	Jeremy Cornett	Fahe
Preston Jones	COAP-Virtual	Kylie Milliken	Fahe
	Comm. Ventures	Nicholaus Bormes	Fahe-Virtual
Cassandra Kinney	Frontier	Pam Johnson	Fahe
Tom Manning-Beavin	Frontier	Traviss Witt	Fahe
Scott McReynolds	HDA	Vonda Poynter	Fahe
Angie Allen	Highlands Housing	Amanda Scalph	Fahe-Virtual
Tiffany Boston	Highlands Housing	Ashton Whitney	Fahe-Virtual
Seth Long	HOMES	Jackie Weiss	Fahe-Virtual
Michael Swafford	KCEOC	Jamie Puckett	Fahe-Virtual
Angela Crase	KRCC-Virtual	John Niederman	Fahe-Virtual
	KHIC	Katy Stigers	Fahe-Virtual
Rob Dowden	KMHDC	Lina Page	Fahe-Virtual
Jimmy Stone	KRFDC	Maggie Riden	Fahe-Virtual
Cassie Hudson	Partnership Hsng	Megan Stepp	Fahe-Virtual
Anne Price	PSHH	Adrian Godboldt	PRT-Virtual
Adrienne Bush	Guest-HHCK	Emily London	PRT-Virtual
Curtis Stauffer - KHC	Guest-KHC		

13 of 16 Members Represented – 81.3% Attendance

1) Welcome Members and Recognize Guests (*Tom Manning-Beavin, Vonda Poynter*)
Adrienne Bush – HHCK; Curtis Stauffer - KHC; Erica King- USDA

2) Fahe Membership Business

- a. Review Previous Minutes and Action Items - Motion to approve minutes, seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Caucus Chair Election – Wilma Kelley, Caucus Nominating Representative
 1. Motion to nominate Cassie Hudson, seconded. Motion passed. Angela was nominated as representative, motion approved.
- c. Around the Horn – What is going on in your organization this summer? Can you tie it to Jim's challenge on addressing the housing availability crisis?
 1. Highlands Housing Angie Allen – 7 projects in construction right now, new construction and rehab. 2 existing homes in contract. Interview for 2 AmeriCorps.
 2. USDA - Erika King with – trying to push dollars out.
 3. Adrienne Bush HHCK – how to leverage this moment/relationships with people who don't typically care about housing started to care.
 4. Kentucky Mountain Housing – in restoring phase, see property tax going up, building supplies, etc.
 5. Ken Stuber – CAP – Finishing up a job this spring, Carol Peterson, very appreciative of that.
 6. Seth Long – Thinking about HUD, solar for housing. Rehab applications – have 7 years' worth queued right now.

- Scott Reynolds – 15 houses under construction, split flood and non-flood, another 5 hoping to start. More waiting to be approved. People who are submitted or ready to submit, booked through 2025 in rehab. Revisioning volunteer program to focus on house raising challenge.
 - Angela Crase KRCC – Have been able to house flood victims through their programs.
 - Tom – Frontier – Bill Cox is leading infrastructure, hoping to instill culture on how we build houses. Partnership called Dream Build – way to do stick build, modular construction. Potential to create quality homes quickly. 12x24 ft boxes, has one or more components of a house in it (kitchen, bedroom, etc.). 30 days/a month. In learning stages.
 - Partnership with DLG.
 - Kylie Milliken and Curtis Stauffer are learning about program building houses in factories, but they are missing members voices. VA Tech is administering it.
 - 35-40% imported housing hurts construction history, no one to repair the house, how it impacts appraisal, taxes, etc. How do we make this opportunity work better? This is why they want the Members thoughts. Vonda will share the survey.
- d. 4 Corner Working Group Report Outs – Consider Jim's Challenge
- Money
 - o Still looking at operating dollars without limitations. Need for additional collaboration between groups and between states. Share what we know, share expertise.
 - Capacity
 - o Tom/Traviss – built on Spring Retreat, did a very small survey at university. Benefits, insurance, are still very important. Passion/support/value alignment were most important.
 - o Exemption is changing from 36k to 43k. Business community is challenging that so may not be law. January 1st, go to 58k.
 - Narrative – survey/discussion
 - o Going to use the survey to help build a new narrative, will have a chance for comments before it is official.
 - People
 - o Resolved one of the bigger questions, engagement vs. participation, what are the core activities to be a member, for every additional thing, that increases evidence of engagement. Identified three goals with sub-activities within. Preserve or include membership, move people from participation to engagement. Some survey and gap analysis. Of the footprint we currently serve, are there gaps? Fake partner with a third party who is unbiased to do gap analysis and inquiry into why folks are here and engage membership. Next meeting in July.

PARTNER TIME

3) USDA Updates – Blaine Barnes

- a. USDA Federal Allocations/Spending
1. Even if out of money in state, can pull money from the national level.
 2. 504 money almost exhausted.
 3. Plenty of Baxter money for flooding.
 4. Trying to hire, have hired one.
- b. Rural Housing Assistance Grants (RHAG) status

4) KHC Updates – Curtis Stauffer

- a. ARPA program(s) status, HOME-ARP with Supportive Housing
 - 3-million-dollar reduction, gap. May see another reduction next year. May see communication saying contact your senator. First HOME ARP rental SHP with LIHTC awards – funding status
 - 2 projects, January 2023, January 2024 elevated states. Noncredit round. Western KY Rental Round
 - Have a lot of experienced organizations, announced.
 - Release funds support development, prepare across the country. 75M for these projects in partnership with DLG. 76 units where they own their own land. Open right now, draft available. Public hearing at noon on June 17th. DLG page also has public notice page, encourage comments.

- d. Rural Housing Trust Funds – Round 1 being expended
 1. 24 units currently, 16 new construction units, 2 pending homebuyers. 2.9M allocated for projects, HDA Projects 3.1M.
 2. Application requirements have been updated. Do not have it separated for homebuyer vs home repair.
 3. 5M allocated.
 4. Legislation – 24 months following a disaster, the disaster area gets priority.

e. Rural Housing Trust Fund – Round 2 progress

f. Federal Home Loan Bank Update

1. 2024 AHP due July 1st – who is applying?
2. Carol M. Peterson – CMPHF submission window opened Feb. 1st; recently increased to \$14M – funds available to reserve.
 - Update in packet. Increased from 10M to 14M. No caps.
3. DRP – Reservation process extended from 2 years to 4 years

g. HHCK update - Adrienne Bush

1. KY Legislature Affordable Housing Caucus
 - Still sorting through the impact. Will not be able to adopt such ordinances going forward.
 - Minimizing barriers for those experiencing homelessness – July/August, provision for no cost birth certificates for those experiencing homelessness.
 - Listed Representatives and Senators.
 - Meet in May, that's when they adopt the calendar.
2. State Legislative Actions on Housing

h. Other Updates

CDBG Update – 21 CDBG-DR for WKY & EKY – DLG awarded City of Jackson, Letcher Cos. – Pam Johnson - [Housing Can't Wait](#)

1. Grantees should be announced soon.
2. **July 31st deadline so plenty of time to get application in.**
 - CDBG-DR – apply for duplexes under multi-family rental
 - Funding awards announced in a couple of places to 2021 flood dollars.
 - RFP they put out was all inclusive.
 - We divided into two for DLG, submitted it. Fahe was accepted for out in the field, not internally.
 - Work with public protection on 10 lots, was originally FEMA, they were not able to get 10. Will be converting those lots to homes. 2 single wide homes.
3. 2022 CDBG-DR – Fahe contract for administration pending
4. KY Dept. for Environmental Protection, Division of Water, Drinking Water Branch info: Rules impacting Kentuckians can be found: [Check Your Pipes KY-LCRR Requirements](#)

- Allow water to prioritize where funding goes for replacement lines.
2. [G.R.A.N.T. Program](#)- Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation of 2024
 - 200M that is available – work with local governments to get it in.
 - Outdoor Ventures Update – McCreary County - foam & steel panels
 - Haven't heard anything back yet.

i. **KY EEC Information** – from Lona Brewer

Rebate program, contractor training, waiting for more information from Lona.

LUNCH – 12 or 12:30

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Discussion about solar.

j. **Advocacy** (*Maggie Riden*)

1. Jim's Big Challenge – 2019-2023 Impact
 1. Think about how we can support our network into more production. Look at what we've already accomplished.
2. KY Caucus Elevator pitch – KY Impact One-Pager
 1. This is the most basic breakdown for understanding i.e. legislators, funders.
 2. Market grade housing vs other.
 3. Case study is out, check it out!
3. **One in 4 of our friends and neighbors live on less than \$10,000 a year. Everyone deserves a warm and safe home. Help us use the power of housing to transform Appalachian Kentucky from a region of poverty to a place of prosperity.**
4. Advocacy Coalition – Andrew abates@fahe.org
 - Updates on Legislative Bills
 - KY Advocacy Coalition Retreat
 - Having a statewide coalition workshop based on feedback from partners.
 - Due to generous funding from Truist, able to offer honorariums to ease the burden with \$400 for participation in retreat unless used previously in the year. Also, honorariums for speaking at our events for community partners.
 - Federal Updates – working on HOME Proposed Final Rule
5. Code changes 2021 IECC: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IECC2021P2>
 BABA Memo: <https://fahemembers.com/wp-content/uploads/BABA-Memo-14-May-2024.pdf>
 If you have questions about BABA, talk to Kylie. The code changes are more in Josh Stewart's wheelhouse.
 working on Home proposed final rule – preparing written comment. Josh working through Big Picture policy on HOME to create input and feedback. Holding another meeting soon to make sure not missing or misrepresenting anything.

k. **Member Interest – Updates**

1. ARC ARISE – Fahe's VITAL project - <https://fahe.org/fahe-awarded-326000-arc-arise-grant-for-new-local-leadership-development-and-workforce-development-initiative-for-affordable-housing-nonprofits-in-appalachia/>
 1. We were awarded. Hope to expand to a broader membership through leadership opportunities.

2. Energy Opportunities – pending RFP from awardees – Travis
 - l. Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds – Fahe has CDFI able to access those funds, no huge updates on it. No clear-cut explanation as far as what eligible activities look like.
 - m. Anything that uses carbon emissions should qualify but still not sure what those dollars will look like.
5. PRICE Applications due July 10, 2024 – Travis
 - n. Must be extremely substandard conditions for replacement. The worst case is 77 units so not a huge volume of units in TN, WV starting out with the goal of getting more subsidies and increasing the number.
6. Research – Katy
 - o. Data Request - Economic Impact Analysis Project with Daniel Eads, WVU Extension
 - p. The plan is to ask for specific pieces of information to get the most out of data compilations and impact statements. Still looking for folks to participate in REED committee. Please contact Katy and participate in those groups.
 - q. Still taking requests for get data compiled.
7. Show and Tell Tableau for Members (REED participation!)

8. Fahe Updates –

- a. Board Meeting Report – March 2024 – Scott McReynolds, Seth Long
 - i. Abbreviated meeting – Kentucky Highlands did renew; KY and TN are tied at 16 members a piece.
- b. Membership Committee - Jackie
 - Caucus Affiliate Partners
 - Caucus is the main driver, not Fahe. Fahe executive team will be looped in when looking at a potential Caucus Affiliate Partner. Fahe staff will collect application materials, give a summary to Caucus to review, Caucus will decide if want to make a partner. If across states, multiple states would have to agree. Not a lot of expansion in KY.
 - Having been contacted by a group interested in membership may be a good test.
 - c. Membership Updates
 - Reporting – QE 3-31-24 status- Vonda
 - Report in packet, did have people miss the reporting in March. Report on those activities in the next quarter to catch up.
 - Training Opportunities – Jackie
 - NTI in Pittsburgh in August, registration is open, free single accommodation is still available.
 - Anticipating them offering the block of self-paced courses soon, usually starts July 1st, will let you know as soon as available.
 - Membership Renewals – Jackie
 - Due July 31st, going up to \$750 for base fee, will be out in the next week or two. After July 31st, adds \$100 to fee. After August, goes up another \$100.
 - Registration for the Annual Meeting will be coming out shortly as well.
 - Health and Housing – Nicholas
 - Efforts are ongoing, slow process to open doors and have conversations.
 - Roadmap effort is ongoing as well, would like to have something to present by the end of the calendar year. Exploring relationship with Ballad Health.
 - Catholic Health initiative is also being worked on as well.
 - Updates to www.fahemembers.org - Nicholas
 - Links to Caucuses, members, relaunched.
 - Working on fahemember.com site – exclusive to members, adding Advocacy and Four Corners pages, give feedback, please. It is password protected now.

- Business Continuity Planning – Diedre Kendall, Fahe VISTA
 - Review annually. Let Diedre know if you need any help.
- Member Disaster Risk Assessment – Jeremy Cornett, Fahe VISTA
 - Will be reaching out to members, disaster mitigation for each member.
- d. Communication Round up – Lina Page
 - a. If you have events, exciting announcements, email communicationteam@fahe.org for Fahe to boost.
- e. Lending – Community Lending and JustChoice Lending
 - a. Handouts for different programs that members can use.
- f. Partners for Rural Transformation - Sara Ball

Host for next Caucus Meeting? Thur. November 7th

Upcoming Events

- **TOMORROW – JUNE 5:**
- **11 am** – Frontier Flood Recovery Ribbon Cutting: 541 Goose Creek Road.; Eastern, KY
- **4 pm** – 100TH Survivor Event – HDA: 148 Cessna Way, Blue Sky Subdivision; Chavies, KY
- **Aug 21 -22**
- **Aug. 26-30:** NTI Pittsburgh, PA
- **Sept. 9-11** – Fahe Annual Meeting, Roanoke, VA

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Fall Caucus Meetings Advocacy Items

Advocacy Reminders:

- Meet with electeds and candidates: Deepening or developing relationships with elected officials- local, state and federal- is an around the year activity.
- Attend debates or community events: We're in the final stretch. Learn about what your candidates think about the housing crisis, or better yet, educate them!
- Post Election – Congratulatory Letters and Post Swearing In Congratulatory Letters: If you want draft language, say the word. We're here to help
- Tools and Information: You can find all the relevant Advocacy Tools and Materials: Member Website, password: Fahe4Corners!
 - Getting a meeting and making the most of your time with electeds
 - Housing as Econ Development
 - Construction and Skilled Workforce Challenges in Appalachia
 - Housing Development for Non-Developers (and a glossary!)
 - BABA and Building Code Memos
 - Federal Appropriations
 - State Advocacy Priorities and Housing Crisis 1 Pagers
- Written Federal Update

Advocacy Discussion Agenda Priority Topics:

- Federal Update & Discussion on Appropriations (10 mins)
 - Sign up Members who are interested in the Appropriations Workshops
- Coalition update (10 mins)
 - For ONLY VA: Meeting up and connecting at the VA Housing Conference

If time allows:

- Draft Elevator pitches written & condensed (short form and long form) to share at Fall 2024 Caucus. Please insert for relevant state. (5 mins)
- Draft questions for members about comms from Fahe for next meeting (15 mins)

ELEVATOR PITCH:

Long/Original: Due to Decades of underinvestment, recent population growth and severe natural disasters, Kentucky has an insufficient housing supply. We can combat this through creating jobs and economic activity by allowing local employers to help create family self-sufficiency. The work of the KY Fahe Caucus is transforming Appalachian communities by developing and preserving quality housing which is an essential ingredient to healthy communities.

Medium: Kentucky has an insufficient housing supply, and in some regions, stagnant economies. The Kentucky Fahe Caucus believes we can solve our housing challenge, stimulate economic growth and help foster family self-sufficiency by investing in the construction of new homes. We also can combat this by creating jobs and economic activity by construction allowing local employers to help create family self-sufficiency.

Short: The work of the KY Fahe Caucus is a network of 15 nonprofit organizations transforming Appalachian communities by developing and preserving quality housing, fostering economic development and creating the conditions for healthy and resilient communities.

Welcome to Fahe's Advocacy Caucus Newsletter! This quarterly update will inform Members about recent developments in Congress and the current administration, as well as your Advocacy Team's efforts to make programs work better for you. If you have any questions, please reach out to your [advocacy team](#) and we'd be happy to help!

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Congressional Updates

- Shutdown Avoided: In late September, Congress avoided a government shutdown by passing a continuing resolution (CR) until December 20. The CR maintains FY2024 funding levels for all agencies and programs except for the Secret Service and FEMA, which each got a slight boost.
 - The outcome of the election will affect Congress's appropriations decision-making when the CR expires.
- Disaster Funding: House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) has said he will not bring the House of Representatives back into session to pass additional emergency funding for FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) before the election.
 - FEMA has enough funding to address the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, but the SBA has run out of money to make new loans, although they are still processing applications. Congress is likely to address this issue during the lame duck session after the election.
- Possible Housing Legislation: Senators on the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee have indicated interest in passing a package of housing bills during the lame duck session, which would likely include the Rural Housing Service Reform Act.
 - Congress will be busy with appropriations and disaster response, but your Advocacy Team is pushing for the passage of housing legislation.
- Election Forecasting: Fahe expects a minimum of four Congressional seats in our footprint to change hands in November: the WV 2nd District, the MD 6th District, and Senate seats in WV and MD.

Administration Updates

- HOME Proposed Rule: This summer, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published a Proposed Rule that would make significant changes to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. We expect the final rule to be published some time between October and January.
 - Fahe submitted a comment, which can be found [here](#). We made recommendations on several aspects of the Proposed Rule, including on how to mitigate environmental and predevelopment costs, how to allow more CHDOs without harming existing robust CHDO networks, how to protect tenants without putting undue administrative stress on Members who operate rental units, and how to calculate the homeownership value limits in a way that makes more sense. 20 other organizations made or changed their policy recommendations to align with Fahe's asks.
 - For more information, please see the [August Advocacy Update](#).
- Presidential Housing Plans: The high cost of housing has become a campaign issue this cycle, with both candidates publishing plans for how they would address the housing crisis. The table below summarizes the major steps each candidate has said they would take in written housing plans. Regardless of the outcome of the election, Fahe will continue our efforts to make federal housing programs work better for our Network and our region.

Donald Trump	Kamala Harris
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce inflation and mortgage rates • Allow housing construction on some federal lands • Create tax incentives for first-time homebuyers • Overturn unnecessary regulations • Decrease demand for housing by reducing immigration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct 3 million new housing units • Create a tax incentive for building starter homes • Expand LIHTC • Propose a \$40 billion innovation fund for local housing efforts • Overturn unnecessary regulations • Call on Congress to pass legislation to prevent investors from buying large numbers of single-family homes and prevent landlords from using algorithms to decide rent prices • Provide \$25,000 of down payment assistance for first-time homebuyers
<p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republican Party Platform (link) • Vice President Harris Lays Out Agenda to Lower Costs for American Families (link) 	

Advocacy Team Updates

- Income Eligibility: In August, Fahe's Jim King and Federal Advocacy Team, along with Dave Clark of Woodlands Development & Lending and Scott McReynolds of Housing Development Alliance, traveled to Washington, DC, to deliver a briefing on the issue of HUD's income limits and how they disadvantage our communities.
 - Our speakers presented Fahe's national floor proposal to an audience of Congressional staff, administration officials, and other advocates. The report we shared with them can be found [here](#).
 - For photos and more information about the event, please see [the Fahe Blog post](#).
- BABA: Your Advocacy Team is continuing our efforts to ease BABA implementation for Members on both the programming side and the policy side. Either by now you have seen, or should expect to see soon, that:
 - Programming: We have sent around a suite of resources including compliance worksheets, practical examples, and links to HUD trainings.
 - Policy: We have submitted a comment to the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP) asking them to publish a list of BABA-compliant manufacturers or products. We have also sent a letter to HUD, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Commerce asking for mandatory labels for BABA-compliant products.
- Appropriations: We have a plan to help Members get better involved in the federal appropriations process this coming spring. Kylie will discuss the plan at the Caucus meeting and would be happy to answer any questions (kmilliken@fahe.org).

Appropriations Tracker

Congress has not yet decided on final funding amounts for FY25. The table on the next page displays proposed funding levels from the House, Senate, and President, along with past year funding amounts for some of Fahe's most-used programs. A higher-resolution version can be found [here](#).

Contact Us!

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Program's	FY23	FY24	FY25 POTUS Proposed	FY25 House Proposed	FY25 Senate Proposed
Appalachian Regional Commission	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$6,391,000,000*	\$6,720,000,000*	\$2,900,000,000*	\$3,300,000,000	\$3,300,000,000
HOME Investment Partnership Program	\$1,500,000,000	\$1,250,000,000	\$1,250,000,000	\$500,000,000	\$1,425,000,000
Housing Counseling	\$57,500,000	\$57,500,000	\$57,500,000	\$57,500,000	\$57,500,000
NeighborWorks	\$166,000,000	\$158,000,000	\$168,000,000	\$158,000,000	\$168,000,000
Rural Capacity Building	\$6,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development	\$42,000,000	\$42,000,000	\$40,700,000	\$42,000,000	\$47,000,000
Self-Help Opportunity Program	\$13,500,000	\$12,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$13,000,000
502 Direct Loans	\$1,250,000,000	\$880,000,000	\$1,250,000,000	\$950,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
502 Guaranteed Loans	\$30,000,000,000	\$25,000,000,000	\$30,000,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
504 Repair Grants	\$32,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$30,000,000
504 Repair Loans	\$28,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$28,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$25,000,000
523 Self-Help Housing Grants	\$32,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$32,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000
533 Housing Preservation Grants	\$16,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$10,000,000
Rural Community Development Initiative	\$6,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000
Community Development Financial Institution Fund	\$289,000,000	\$324,000,000	\$324,908,000	\$276,600,000	\$354,000,000

Programs in bold received cuts in FY2024, and/or are proposed for further cuts or flat-funding from cut levels in FY2025.

* Only the most commonly used Member programs indicated here. Fahe staff have information for all other programs available. Please reach out for more information: jstewart@fahe.org

* FY23 and FY24 include Earmarks; the President's Proposed never does. However, flat funding from FY23 CDBG in the FY25 President's Budget would be \$3.3 billion - indicating a proposed cut of \$400 million.

Member Interest Update – Memo

GGRF - The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) is part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's initiative under the Inflation Reduction Act, designed to accelerate the transition to clean energy and reduce carbon emissions across the U.S. The fund includes billions of dollars to support projects focused on energy efficiency, clean energy deployment, and green infrastructure development, with a strong focus on benefiting low-income and historically underserved communities.

- OFN released RFP for GGRF CCIA application on Oct. 10
- ACC plans released their CCIA Application on Oct. 28th
- ACC RFP is on expedited timeline for Phase 1, with a particular focus on “Hurricane Helene impacted states”. Stated will not follow Federal disaster declaration, but impact communities. TN, NC, SC, GA and VA eligible. ACC Members and invited partners are eligible for Phase 1, Phase 2 opens in December more broadly.
- Awards ranging from \$2-\$10 million based on lending experience, lending volume, eligible project pipeline and other factors
- New construction must meet EPA definition of net-zero
- Reconstruction/Rehabilitation = we create the energy savings metrics, defined as only as “substantial”
- BABA and Davis-Beacon may apply. Language from RFP states “BABA does not apply to private homes (single- or multi-family), except for some publicly assisted rental housing and publicly accessible facilities in multifamily housing.” BABA does not apply to single family home ownership.
- Six-year period of performance for ACC and OFN, unclear how that will translate to Fahe as a subrecipient

OFN Application Link: <https://www.ofn.org/current-initiatives/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund/>

EPA Community Change Grants – Open until November 21st, 2024.

Community Change Grants fund nonprofit and grassroots projects that drive social, economic, and environmental improvements, focusing on affordable housing, workforce development, and energy efficiency in underserved communities. They emphasize equity, sustainability, and measurable impact.

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>

PRICE - Pilot HUD program to fund replacement of dilapidated manufactured housing units with new, energy-efficient units.

- Announcements anticipated in October, no announcements to date.

Fahe Updates

Quarterly Reporting – 6/30/24

ORG INFORMATION			Report/Communication Sent		
State	Org Name		7/10/2024	7/22/2024	7/26/2024
KY	Beattyville Housing and Development (BHD)				
	Bell Whitley Community Action Agency (BWCAA)				
	Christian Appalachian Project (CAP/SV)				
	Christian Outreach with Appalachian People (COAP)				
	KY River Foothills Development Council (KRFDC)				
	Housing Development Alliance (HDA)				
	Housing Oriented Ministries Est. for Services Inc (HOMES)				
	KCEOC				
	Kentucky Mountain Housing Development (KMHDC)				
	KY River Community Care (KRCC)				
	People's Self-Help Housing (PSHH)				
	Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp. (KHIC)				
	Partnership Housing (PH)				
KY Organizations	13		KY Organizations	15	
Turned in by 7/10	3	23.08%	Turned in by 7/10	5	33.33%
Turned in by 7/15	11	84.62%	Turned in by 7/15	13	86.67%
Turned in by 7/25	13	100.00%	Turned in by 7/25	15	100.00%
Without NWOs			With NWOs		
Total Organizations	47		Total Organizations	55	
Turned in by 7/10	15	31.91%	Turned in by 7/10	23	41.82%
Turned in by 7/15	31	65.96%	Turned in by 7/15	39	70.91%
Turned in by 7/25	42	89.36%	Turned in by 7/25	50	90.91%

Training Updates:

Federal FY 2025 Training Opportunities

If you signed up for the free online self-paced courses, please make sure to complete within the 60 day limit and send your course completion certificates to jackie@fahe.org

NeighborWorks® America: Fall Learning Series - October-December 2024

Convenient, cost-effective online training to grow your career and impact!

- Webinars on the latest topics affecting community-serving organizations
- Multi-day faculty-led courses with in-depth information and interactivity
- FREE sessions covering timely topics in a fast-paced hour
- Learn more and register at NeighborWorks.org/OnlineLearning
- As a Fahe Member, you are eligible for "In Network" pricing

NeighborWorks® America National Training Events

- Feb. 10-14, 2025 – Philadelphia, PA – [REGISTRATION IS OPEN!](#)
- Aug. 25-29, 2025 – New Orleans, LA – Registration Opens Spring 2025

Fahe will continue to support attendance at NTI's through reimbursement of some costs; approximately \$200 per attendee. Contact jackie@fahe.org for registration information.

Fahe AmeriCorps VISTA Projects Updates:

Fahe History Project & Survey – Diedre Kendall

I'm excited to share that I'll be staying on with Fahe/AmeriCorps for another year, working on preparations for Fahe's 45th and 50th anniversaries.

My project involves collecting oral histories from Fahe's founders and digitizing key documents from our past. I would love for Members to look back for any early photos or documents they may have, and I'll follow up with an email after the Caucus Meetings. For those impacted by Hurricane Helene, please only participate if it doesn't place additional strain on your organization.

Fahe Hazard Mitigation Plan Project Final - Jeremy Cornett (service ended 11/4)

The 2024 Fahe NeighborWorks AmeriCorps VISTA Disaster Project aimed to make a tangible difference in Appalachian disaster preparedness and response. Through conversations and surveys with all 54 Fahe Member organizations, the project gathered critical insights into local knowledge, past experiences, and disaster preparedness challenges. With a focus on community involvement, equity, and resilience, this effort highlights the importance of collaboration in addressing the increasing climate risks facing the region. As part of this ongoing work, disaster mitigation packets have been sent to the disaster mitigation contacts at each organization to support their efforts in building a more resilient Appalachian region.

Video presentation link: <https://youtu.be/cXH0-jcdZ6k>

Packet materials link: [https://fahe-](https://fahe-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/jcornett_fahe_org/ERxy_5IJHjRCvjK1ji7OGriBXaaeIBZy2_RXX_6yqkYo1A?rttime=5XrG9iD53Eg)

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Fahe Communication Team Introduction

Fahe recently hired a Digital Marketing Manager, KEVIN FLORA, who will work alongside Lina Page in the Communications Team. Based out of Corbin, KY he has run a digital marketing agency and worked with some of you in the past. He is chartered with expanding visibility and engagement for Fahe as a whole through our online platforms, and he will be working closely with Lina on the new narrative campaign next year.

JustChoice Lending Update:

From Jamie Puckett: The USDA 502 Direct interest rate will be decreasing from 4.625% to 4.375% as of November 1



MEMO

To: Fahe KY Caucus
From: Ashton Whitney, Disaster Resilience Coordinator
Re: Fall Caucus Meeting – DR Updates
Date: 10/18/2024

Housing Can't Wait:

- **83** new homes have been built and **293** homes have been rehabilitated (per early Oct 2024 update from HCW Coalition Members)
- The HCW Trademark is approved and registered to Fahe.
- Next HCW Coalition meeting is **Oct 28th at 1pm**. We have asked Members to come prepared to share their top concerns in a generative discussion during the meeting.
- See Fahe's engagement with state and regional partners during the 2-year flood anniversary events during July here: <https://fahe.org/two-years-after-the-eky-flooding/>

CDBG-DR Projects:

- **City of Jackson** - Single-Family New Construction application with Housing Development Alliance was awarded \$8.4M for 2 sites with 26 homes. Intake is open on one site and we're qualifying people for eligibility.
 - We've applied for an 18-unit Multi-Family Rehab project in the city with Frontier and are waiting for an announcement of award.
- **Owsley County** – Partnership Housing Multi-Family New Construction application was awarded \$5M. This will support phase 2 of the project that will provide a total of 34 rental units in 17 duplexes. ([read Fahe update/more info here](#))
- **Letcher County** – 2 Single-Family projects with HOMES, Inc. have been obligated \$8.6M in funding and we submitted an application that includes 3 sites total (including the 2 with obligated funds), worth \$17M. These 3 sites will have a total of 46 homes with DR funds and 4 homes with RHTF funds.
- **Rehab/Reconstruction Program** – Fahe is working with DLG to finalize the systems and processes for the upcoming regional Rehab/Recon program.
- **High Ground Intake** – Fahe is currently conducting intake for New Hope Estates in Floyd County.

Fahe Research

About REED

BACKGROUND

The Research Evidence Evaluation & Data Committee was established in 2022 by the Fahe Research team. REED offers access to tools, expertise and opportunities for gaining insights from our collective data in order to communicate community needs more efficiently.

WHO?

The REED Committee is made up of Members who give some time each month to collaborate around best data practices and improving our collective data storytelling.

GOALS

The goal behind REED is to create opportunities for collaboration and information sharing to bolster Members' capacity to tell better stories with data.

JOIN US

Standing meeting occurs the **third Monday of each month, 1:00-2:00pm.**
Meeting via Zoom.

Reach out to us!
reed@fahe.org
cmoreno@fahe.org



RESEARCH EVIDENCE EVALUATION DATA

News & Research Current Events



UPDATED DATA EXPLORER!!

Fahe Data Explorer FY 25 Update by [Camila Moreno](#)

2022	Johnson County, TN	View Factsheet
	AGE & SEX DEMOGRAPHICS	Print View

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- Maryland
- Tennessee
- Virginia
- West Virginia

Fahe's Research Team is announcing an update to the Fahe Data Explorer! Our new research analyst, Anh Doan, has updated data for some of the dashboard. You can access tableau public here: [Fahe Data Explorer Update FY25](#). You can find the new "how-to-use" document for the data explorer [HERE](#).





PARTNERS FOR RURAL TRANSFORMATION

Memo

To: Fahe Members
From: Sara Ball, Vice President of PRT Operations
Re: Partners for Rural Transformation Quarterly Update
Date: October 17, 2024

PRT's work continues in several spaces from the last update. We are still working with USDA Rural Partner Network (RPN) on disaster recovery work in Eastern Kentucky, along with the expansion of DreamBuild with Frontier Housing. Our research work, funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, was conducted by Fahe and PRT staff with six community partners across the regions, testing our Rural Equity Development Framework. This framework is our expression of the way that we think community development work should be conducted in our regions, and you have heard it referred to as the three-legged stool. The interviewees included an Appalachia community partner. The focus group interviews were conducted, and the analysis was completed. We presented our initial findings to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in late August. In early 2025, PRT will host two roundtables, inviting funders, policymakers, and local practitioners to come together to discuss more effective ways of working together for the benefit of our communities. The first gathering is scheduled for January in Arizona, and the second is scheduled for May in Mississippi.

The work with RWJF highlights critical issues for Fahe members and Appalachia. The research is focused on the belief that communities and community local leaders know what their communities need to succeed and give them the resources to accomplish the work.

Advocacy work at PRT has been aligned with Fahe. We have worked on comments on the Farm Bill, CRA Reform, support for USDA and HUD housing programs, and the CDFI Fund. PRT also supports Fahe's efforts around AMI and the national floor solution along with the need for specific deliverables for the GSE's 2025=2027 plans. The Partners also work on ways to advocate and find solutions for disaster "precovery" and recovery. "Precovery" is a term coined by cdcb that refers to being prepared prior to a disaster for the recovery that will be needed.

PRT staff has been working on creating a robust pipeline of projects to address the needs of our Partners and communities. Two great examples of this work in the pipeline are our 5-minute Videos, which will walk practitioners through how to access data needed for various applications from different sources in short technical videos, and a Housing Migration project, which will dig deep into various data sources to access in-migration and out-migration patterns in rural communities. We are also continuing our work on the [Everything Else Story Map](#). This phase of the story map will focus on smaller capsule stories produced in-house.

Lastly, we look forward to two special upcoming announcements in the next month. First, is the announcement that our [SWIFT](#) (Seamless Workflow, Information, and Familiarization Tool) website is up and running. Second, we will send out an announcement about our new President starting in early November. If you are interested in following more of PRT's weekly news, please sign up for our [newsletter](#).