



Main Street Monday!

February 23, 2026



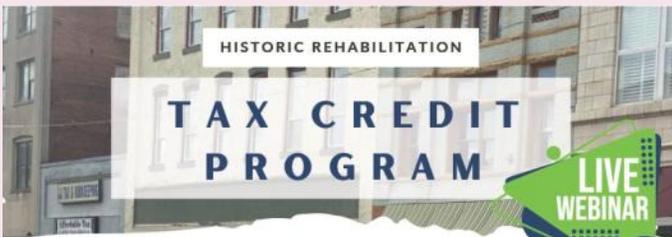
Love Your Downtown and your historic structures! Do you live in a National Register District? Do you own an historic downtown property? Are you an elected official in a historic town? Tune in to this Live Webinar to learn more about how historic tax credits can work for you! March 5th 6:00 PM EST



Since its debut in 2017, the AARP Community Challenge has invested \$24.3 million in 2,100 livability projects, with a focus on meeting the needs of adults age 50 or older.

Applications are due by March 4, 2026 - [2026 AARP Community Challenge](#)

The program is open to IRS-recognized nonprofit organizations, such as those designated 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6), as well as to local governments.



Are you a city official, preservation commission member, or local realtor?

This free webinar will teach you how this program can benefit your constituents. Also open to the general public, owners of historic homes and buildings are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

6:00 PM ET | WEBINAR

Join us for a virtual workshop about KY's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and learn how it can support the rehabilitation of historic homes and buildings across the state. This session will provide an overview of how the program works, who is eligible, and how it is a great tool for preservation, revitalization, and local investment opportunities.



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We are excited to



share that 6 of the 8 recipients of the Backing Small business grant are in KYMS communities!!

- [A Different Drummer](#) | Campbellsville, Kentucky***
- [Ready Set Play](#) | Hazard, Kentucky
- Orascom | Inez, Kentucky
- A Good Thing | Murray, Kentucky
- [Messy Cat Creations](#) | Paducah, Kentucky**
- Magnolia and Steel | Scottsville, Kentucky
- [The Vibe Art and Music Studio](#) | Shelbyville, Kentucky***
- [McElroy, Wharton, & Boldrick](#) | Springfield, Kentucky***



Have you been putting off applying with the “Oh we’ll do that”? Or perhaps you applied before but did not resubmit.

You have only 36 more days to apply for the final time!!!!

Submit, resubmit, make it a priority to apply!!!

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANTS!!

We launched this program in April 2021 with a five-year commitment to support up to 500 small towns across the country with up to \$25 million in funding—and we’re proud to say that goal is nearly complete.

To date, T-Mobile's Hometown Grants have funded transformative projects in hundreds of communities—revitalizing parks, upgrading technology, supporting public safety, expanding access, and so much more. Each grant of up to \$50,000 has helped communities jumpstart local projects and create lasting impact.

Important Deadline

- **The final opportunity to apply is open now.**
- **All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2026.**
- **No applications will be accepted after this date.**

We’re grateful for every town, partner, and local leader who has brought this program to life. While this chapter is the stories, connections, and community impact will continue to grow for years to come.

After 2 earlier dates we are hopeful Mother Nature will be in a good mood and allow this great event to take place!



As the Commonwealth woke to another snowy day, the promise of spring in a few weeks brings new beginnings.

The wait is over - Herman's Brew is now open for business in downtown Beattyville, bringing warmth and energy to the community. Director Teresa Mays led the way, and with Lee Co. schools closed, Gracie, our junior director, wasted no time joining the excitement.

Open for breakfast and lunch!



Here's a hint of what is coming soon to downtown Cumberland! If you've not been to the Tri-Cities lately you definitely need to make a visit! A lot of things have been happening there!



This is the last week for the special from Making Good Scentz to help you market your MS organization or your business!

Contact Steve at orders@makinggoodscentz.com





Kentucky Living Magazine's Best of Kentucky is now open. What a great way to support local! Make your nomination today!

<https://www.kentuckyliving.com/.../2026-best-in-kentucky...>

Arriving later this week in downtown Carrollton!



Categories are:

- The **Ida Lee Willis Memorial Award** goes to the individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the cause of historic preservation.
- **Preservation Project Awards** honor outstanding examples of building or site rehabilitation, restoration, and adaptive reuse.
- **Service to Preservation Awards** recognize individuals, organizations, nonprofits, public officials, financial institutions, news media, volunteers, and others whose contributions have had a positive impact on preserving historic and prehistoric resources.
- **Grassroots Preservation Awards** are given at the selection committee's discretion and celebrate those who have committed their personal time and resources to successfully take on a challenge that addresses a preservation issue at the local level.

For more information and nomination forms go to our website heritage.ky.gov

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Overview

Campbellsville University, in partnership with KAED, KCCE, KCCMA, and KREA, is excited to offer the Public Leadership Certificate program, powered by One Cross Community Health. The program equips participants with the skills to lead effectively, foster economic development, and strengthen community well-being through high-impact leadership training designed for key decision-makers and influencers.

Advancing The American Dream

Stakeholders will learn how to encourage vibrant community growth by adopting bottom-up development approaches. By focusing on systems thinking, participants can help create solutions to complex issues and lead holistic initiatives within an asset-based framework to help their community achieve the American Dream.



Key Courses

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Negotiation
- Teamwork
- Entrepreneurship
- Management
- Leadership



When
Friday, March 27, 2026

Where
Campbellsville University – Heilman Welcome Center

Cost
\$299: Non-Member | \$199: Member | \$99: Student

Who Should Attend

- Economic Developers
- Community Developers
- Development Board Members
- County Judge/Executives & Magistrates
- City & County Administrators
- City Mayors & Councilmembers
- Education Administrators
- Chamber of Commerce Directors
- Tourism Directors
- Main Street Directors
- Nonprofit Directors
- Business Owners

Register Here



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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PRESERVE THE PAST, BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

2026 WEBINAR SERIES SCHEDULE

February 25

PRESERVING AMERICA'S HISTORIC MUSIC VENUES

March 24

PRESERVING AMERICA'S HISTORIC MAIN STREETS

April 21

PRESERVING AMERICA'S REVOLUTIONARY ERA SITES

May 27

PRESERVING AMERICA FOR THE NEXT GENERATION: INVOLVING YOUNGER GENERATIONS IN PRESERVATION EFFORTS

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Register Now

75 MINUTES
VIA ZOOM

www.achp.gov/preservethepastbuildforthefuture

Don't forget to share with us your events to celebrate America 250!

Google America 250 and see what your screen does, it is very cool!

We are excited to celebrate with you so be sure we have your details!

PIKEVILLE MAIN STREET
Pikeville, KY

DOWNTOWN PIKEVILLE ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN WALK

\$30.00 ENTRY FEE

Also a Shamrock-spirited 1-mile Fun walk as part of the Celebration!

REGISTER HERE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 3:00PM

Start & Finish on Second Street Infront of The APPALACHIAN Center for the Arts
218 Second Street, Pikeville, KY 41501

Jill Dotson, Main Street Director: jill.dotson@pikevilleky.gov / 606-213-2358





WHAT MAIN STREET NOW OFFERS



- Three full days of learning, skills development, and networking-building opportunities.
- 150+ education sessions covering timely and perennial commercial district management topics.
- Introductory and advanced Main Street Approach® training
- Mobile workshops where attendees learn from successes and challenges in our host city and surrounding Main Street communities.
- Expo Hall filled with product and service providers specializing in commercial district management.
- Opportunities to discuss issues, exchange ideas, and discover solutions from colleagues working in Main Street districts of all sizes and stages of the transformation journey.
- Recognition of excellence in the Main Street Movement through the ceremonies for the annual Great American Main Street Award, Mary Means Leadership Award, and Main Street America Revitalization Professional certificate.

WHO MAIN STREET NOW IS FOR

- Executive directors, staff, board members, and volunteers of local Main Street programs
- Staff of Coordinating Partners
- Civic leaders, including mayors, county executives, city councilmembers, and staff of county/municipal departments
- Preservation, economic development, civic planning, and research professionals
- Students