



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN

Where We Are:	What We Do:	The Result We Want To Achieve:
<p>The Letcher County Community Foundation serves to improve the quality of life in the community by facilitating, through strategic partnerships, the lifting of community donors. The group's most recent focus has been flood recovery relief and rebuilding the Letcher County community.</p> <p>The foundation recognizes that quality of life in the community relies on economic self-sufficiency, safe and affordable housing, economic and business development, and mental and physical health and wellness. Nonprofits are doing good work in areas related to these and can expand with support. Tourism development is also underway. The community needs to improve infrastructure, including water systems and the Internet, to attract more businesses and workers. Opportunities exist for federal grant funding if the community can coordinate applying for that funding. The community is positioned to do this as people are practicing significant cooperation after the floods, and the press has raised awareness of the region.</p> <p>With participation from residents and community organizations, Letcher County is poised to leverage strategic partnerships for investment. Letcher County Community Foundation has the opportunity to strengthen local relationships and focus resources on efforts to improve the quality of life for everyone in Letcher County.</p>	<p>As an affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky, the Letcher County Community Foundation supports efforts to improve residents' overall quality of life.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Values for the Work and the Future:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be equitable Be active and results-oriented Be engaged with the community Improve quality of life Support self-sufficiency Support overall wellness</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Overarching Strategies:</div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate a Housing Plan Serve as a connector and convener for agencies addressing housing issues. 2. Support Health and Wellness Support community health events, education, and initiatives. Support Recovery Ready Community efforts. 3. Support Education and Job Training Promote opportunities for workforce development and entrepreneurship. Support bringing youth into workforce development. 4. Create Brand Recognition Educate local government officials and others. Host branded events and attend meetings. 5. Build the Endowment Host CLEs for estate planners. Coordinate endowment building with the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky (printed info, etc...). Raise funds </div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Indications of Success:</div> </div>	<p>Community members enjoy a good quality of life through access to jobs, education, housing and overall wellness.</p> <p>In the next three years...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letcher County organizations and agencies will regularly coordinate efforts and funding around a comprehensive housing plan. • Housing developments will be underway. • Community health initiatives will have increased capacity to serve. • Residents will engage in workforce development. • Letcher County will have a strongly supported Recovery Ready Communities designation. People in recovery will have support. • Letcher County residents will understand the purpose of the LCCF. • Estate planning professionals will educate clients about LCCF. • LCCF will have a growing endowment fund with annual goals and fundraising activities.