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Community Development Updates

The Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council will be joining U.S. Senator Joe Manchin and West Virginia State Auditor J.B. McCuskey for an informational session hosted by the West Virginia Regional Development Councils. This State Auditor Guidance Seminar for 2021 will be held at West Virginia University at Parkersburg on May 17th at 10:00 am to discuss funding information for the American Rescue Plan.

The MOVRC provided a press release to encourage the publication of this article, which is hoped to encourage new users for the Jackson County Commission's CDBG funded wireless broadband in Sandyville. The high-speed internet has been available since November 2020 and only 12 users have connected. The grant period is hoped to be extended to allow more time toward reaching the goal of 100 households.

<https://www.jacksonnewspapers.com/story/news/local/2021/05/05/customers-wanted-sandyville-broadband-project-internet-service/4960752001/>

There are multiple projects going out to bid this month, including: the Pennsboro Water System Improvements project bid opening is Wednesday, May 12th; the City of Spencer's Emergency Water project bid opening will take place on May 20th; and the Grantsville Water Treatment Plant Improvements project bid opening will be held on May 26th.

The Community Development Program has submitted intents to apply for transportation alternative grants and projects with the West Virginia Department of Transportation on behalf of several communities. These applications include the City of Spencer, Williamstown, the Town of Harrisville, the City of Ravenswood, and the City of Sistersville. The final applications will be completed before the deadline of June 7th.

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Region IV
Service Delivery Area



The WDB MOV hosted our first Virtual Job Fair. 24 business and 32 job seekers registered. All 24 businesses and 11 job seekers logged into the event.

While the pandemic is slowly lifting, employers continue to have an urgency to find anyone interested in a job. Many employers are trying to fill one or two positions but most need to fill more. The Business Service Team continues to serve employers in the region.

New Podcast Episode:

E30: A Youth Success Story: From the Service Industry to Traffic Control

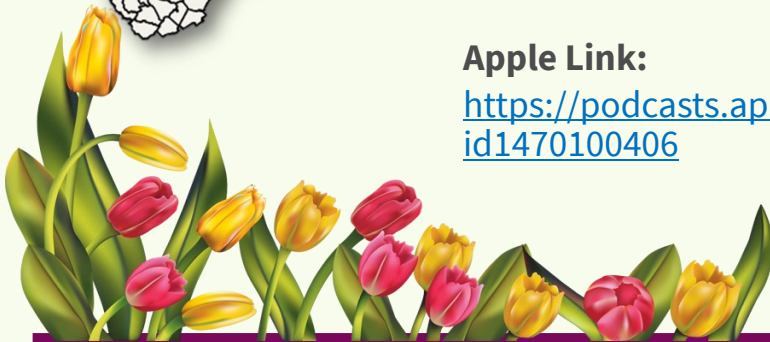
In this episode, you will hear from Cierra Gunn. Cierra spent years working in the service industry; from in-home direct care to store clerk and lastly, waitressing. During the pandemic, it became clear that waiting tables was not going to provide a sustainable income especially during a shutdown. Discover how the workforce system helped Cierra to gain the skills she needs to obtain employment as a flagger with AWP-Traffic Control.

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AmeriCorps staff cleans up Darden House grounds



Submitted photo Pictured from left are Michelle Row Williams, program coordinator; Tammy Raines, program coordinator; Becky Edwards, SCP program director and Janet Somerville, FGP program director.

ELKINS — On April 13, the AmeriCorps Senior Staff from the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs, MOVRC Parkersburg Office, in collaboration with Elkins Make It Shine, came together and cleaned up the grounds of the Darden House.

Katie McClain also participated in the clean up. This area was chosen due to the programs utilizing the Darden House for an office space that houses Michelle Row Williams, MOVRC program coordinator for FGP and SCP, and for their appreciation for the area.

Maryann Durland, president of the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission said, *“EHLC appreciates so much the initiative that Michelle, Janet, Becky and Tammy from MOVRC made with the cleaning up around the Darden House. The Darden House is a special place in Elkins. Currently, we rent office space and hopefully in the future it will be a venue for community and citizen activities. Volunteers are what help us keep moving forward with our goals. EHLC is grateful for the time and effort these volunteers made.”*

