

# Bell-Whitley CAA, Inc.

## 2020-2021

# Annual Report



*Serving Bell and Whitley Counties*



*“committed to improving our communities...one life at a time”*



## *Community Service Block Grant*

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, after 15 long months, the Governor of Kentucky gave his last COVID-19 update to thousands of Kentuckians. For fifteen months, Kentuckians have struggled and sacrificed while enduring the effects of COVID-19. In his final daily address, the Governor stated that *“while COVID-19 remains a threat, we are no longer in crisis”*. Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency has been on the forefront impacting the lives of individuals and families in Bell and Whitley county while providing services to assist during this unprecedented season that we, as a nation have been facing.

The trickle-down effect of the COVID-19 pandemic has not discriminated. Many people lost jobs, leaving them with the inability to pay for basic necessities such as utilities including; water, electric and gas. This also includes being forced to choose between rent/mortgage payments, car payments, insurance or food.

Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency received \$487,791.79 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Since July 1, 2020 when the agency received CARES Act funding the following individuals and families have been assisted:

<u>CARES Funding Services</u>	<u>Number of Households Served</u>	<u>Total Amount Spent</u>
Rent Deposits	50	\$17,381.00
Rent (arrearages, evictions, first	158	\$141,409.92
Mortgage (past due/foreclosure pre-	13	\$11,892.62
Utility Deposits	36	\$4,712.00
Utility Payments (Past due/	114	\$35,949.25
Minor Car Repair (Employment Se-	1	\$483.40
Car Insurance Payment (Employment	2	\$507.35
Food Assistance	18	\$2,996.41

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The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) also received an additional 15 Million Dollars during the national pandemic. As a result of this additional funding, since the 2020 heating season began Bell-Whitley has continued to operate some form of heating assistance program. The following LIHEAP programs have been in operation since July 1, 2020 and are expected to continue through 2021 as the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) pushes to have LIHEAP become a year round program:

<u>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs</u>	<u>Number of Households Served</u>	<u>Total Amount Spent</u>
Summer Cooling Subsidy (July 1, 2020-October 30, 2020)	1714	\$273,500.00
Summer Cooling Crisis (July 1, 2020-October 30, 2020)	1247	\$338,549.59
Fall 2020 Subsidy (Nov. 3, 2020-Dec. 18,2020)	1730	\$283,479.92
Winter 2021 Crisis (January 4,2021-April 15,2021)	2604	703,458.92
Spring Subsidy 2021 (Currently (May 4, 2021-June 30, 2021)	745 (As of 6/16/2021, program still currently operating)	\$129,150.00

The impact of COVID-19 has been detrimental. The loss that some families have suffered can never be replaced. Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency has worked diligently to provide resources and relief where possible to the citizens of Bell and Whitley counties. As the number of cases decline and vaccines become more readily available for Kentuckians, new hope emerges on the horizon. The hope that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us and the bright possibility that we will begin to see a new form of normalcy. As we take steps to venture forward, Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency is embracing the promise of community action and will continue to impart it into the communities that we serve. Emerging from this pandemic we will continue to provide services that demonstrate that we are dedicated to the community action promise that says *“Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.”*

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# Head Start/Early Head Start

Organized in 1968 and incorporated in 1969 as part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty, Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency Head Start/Early Head Start has a long tradition of excellence in providing quality services. Our staff are committed to improving our communities, one life at a time.

Since the beginning of Head Start and Early Head Start operations by our Agency, we are continually impressed by the transformation that occurs in the lives of those we serve. By focusing on strengths, rather than weaknesses, and potential rather than problems, our program is making a difference in the faces of Appalachia.

	HS	EHS	Total
<b>End Of Month Enrollment</b>			
Funded Enrollment	303	80	383
<b>Actual Enrollment</b>	279	80	359
Terminated this month	0	1	1
Accepted (ready to begin classes)		1	1
<b>Cumulative Enrollment</b>	314	103	417
Over Income	4%	2%	3%
Disabilities	13%	11%	11%
<b>Health Services To Date</b>			
Diagnosed with Chronic Condition	11	0	11
Completed Dental Exams (EHS- Preventative Care)	195	16	211
Need Dental Treatment	30	NA	30
Received Dental Treatment	24	NA	24
Up-to-Date Immunizations	93%	89%	91%
<b>Family Services</b>			
Number of Families	288	81	369
Military Family	6	1	7
WIC Services	148	63	211
SNAP	190	48	238
Homeless	5	7	12
Aquired Housing	1	0	1
Emergency/Crisis	15	27	42
Housing Assistance	3	1	4
Assesst Building	0	0	0
Mental Health Services	2	0	2
Substance Misuse Prevention	0	0	0
Substance Misuse Treatment	0	0	0
English as a second Language (ESL) training	0	0	0
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training	1	1	2
Research based parenting Curriculum	94	11	105
Involvement in discussing their child's screening and assessment results and their child's progress	193	37	230
Supporting Transitions between programs (EHS to HS, HS to Kindergarten)	190	36	226
Education on preventative medical and oral health	95	31	126
Education on health and developmental consequences of tobacco product use	2	0	2
Education on Nutrition	110	35	145
Education on postpartum care	1	0	1
Education on relationship/marriage	1	0	1
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	0	0	0
<b>Total Family Services</b>	708	179	887
<b>Average Daily Attendance</b>	92%	85%	89%

ADA is based on Actual enrollment and includes in-person and virtual

**Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) Assessment Comparison from Winter, 2020 to Spring, 2021  
Agency Wide-Covering Birth to 4 Years of Age**

<b>Assessment Domain</b>	<b>Winter, 2020 (Meets/Exceeds Expectations)</b>	<b>Spring 2021 (Meets/Exceeds Expectations)</b>	<b>% Difference +/-</b>
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL	47.33%	73.11%	25.78% Increase
PHYSICAL	57.24%	79.03%	21.76% Increase
LANGUAGE	56.69%	72.40%	15.71% Increase
COGNITIVE	52.34%	75.75%	23.41% Increase
LITERACY	62.19%	77.97%	15.78% Increase
MATHEMATICS	52.95%	72.87%	19.92% Increase

From the assessment data collected from Winter, 2020 to Spring, 2021 our children (agency-wide) showed dramatic growth in all areas of development. Social-Emotional(25.78%), Cognitive(23.41%) and Physical(21.7%) demonstrated the most improvement. At this time, we (as an overall agency) would love to see greater growth in Literacy. Now that COVID restrictions are becoming lighter, and children are in the classroom setting more, we hope to see growth occur even more in the Literacy, Language and Physical areas of development.



The weatherization crew is continuing to work in both Bell and Whitley counties. Due to COVID, applications for weatherization services have been few and far between over the last year but with the recent decline in positive cases, we are starting to see a renewed interest in weatherization services. With the recent influx of applications, the amount of houses to be worked on is picking back up and more job completions will be done as well. We had 3 completed jobs and 2 jobs are still in progress over the past three months.

Our crew that is contracting work in the Lake Cumberland area has completed 6 jobs over the same time frame and will continue to work the Lake Cumberland area.

Our dwelling needs evaluators and quality control inspectors continue to work not only the Bell-Whitley service area, but are also still providing services for Lake Cumberland CAA, Lexington Community Action Council, Licking Valley CAP and Big Sandy Area CAP.





The WIOA program has made several transitions over the past year, but we are becoming acclimated to the new “normal”. We continue to put quality of service as our top priority despite the required initial virtual component of our career counseling services.

### **Staffing**

Alex Barnett – WIOA Director  
Rudelle Greene – Career Advisor  
Shalyn Jones – Career Advisor

Early this year due to Covid and budget cuts we were placed on a hiring freeze, but with the new year we anticipate to add at least two Career Advisors to service Bell County and with the new Promise Zone youth program possibly two Career Advisors to service Whitley County remotely.

### **Request for Proposal**

Bell-Whitley WIOA submitted a request for funding for all programs including Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth in May and we are in the beginning stages of contract negotiations.

### **Recruitment**

WIOA staff have been actively planning content for virtual workshops on our Bell-Whitley Kentucky Career Center Jobsight Facebook page that will consist of opportunities in the area, as well as, programs and assistance we offer to job seekers. We have introduced a “Follow WIOA Friday” segment on our Facebook page that specifically discusses our services and job openings in the area. We have created new accounts on different platforms for recruitment including Instagram and TikTok. We also participated in the KMLF parade advertising our services.



## Programs

### Dislocated Worker

In a conference call with EKCEP mid-February we were notified that as it stands right now our NEG grants containing the HOME and Community Impact will not be renewed for the upcoming year with the CI program ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. All participants that are currently enrolled and receiving paid services through the CI grant will have to be enrolled into a Covid grant if they are eligible. We have been fortunate to continue serving Dislocated Workers without interruption due to the continuous funneling of Covid funding.

### Adult

Continues to service unemployed and underemployed adults.

### Youth

We have continued to put more emphasis on our Opportunity Youth program reaching out to different entities in the community to make them more aware and knowledgeable of the services we provide, as well as, who specifically is eligible. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Youth program opened the door to serve more barriers. We can now serve youth between the ages of 18 and 24 who are not attending school of any kind AND are at risk of long term unemployment or under-employment due to one of the following barriers: involvement in the criminal justice system, in recovery from substance use disorder, homelessness, aging out of the foster care, being a high school dropout, being pregnant or parenting, OR being in need of additional assistance to complete an educational program or gain self-sustaining employment.

### Prosper Appalachia Youth

Blue Meridian (a private philanthropic group) and Berea College have partnered to fund a Summer Internship Program in the Promise Zone area that we are participating in. We currently are servicing two youth, one is working at the Department of Public Advocacy and the other at Main Street Pineville. We anticipate to receive additional funding throughout the new year.

## EKCEP Progress Report

DW Goal	DW Actual	DW Delta	% to goal	Quarter
80	11	-69	14%	1st
80	20	-60	25%	2nd
80	27	-53	34%	3rd
				4th

Jobs	Total Expenditures	Cost per Job	Current Jobs Goal	Delta to Jobs Reported	% Goal Attainment (90% Pass)	Quarter
23	\$ 150,331.00	\$ 6,536.11	25	-2	92%	1st
41	\$ 331,912.18	\$ 8,095.42	55	-14	74%	2nd
58	\$ 483,902.00	\$ 8,345.14	81	-23	72%	3rd
						4th

Credentials	Total Training Cost	Cost per credential	Current Credential Goal	Delta to Credentials Reported	% Goal Attainment (90% Pass)	Quarter
11	\$ 8,770.00	\$ 797.27	6	5	176%	1st
20	\$ 35,530.38	\$ 1,776.52	14	6	145%	2nd
32	\$ 56,180.00	\$ 1,755.62	20	12	159%	3rd
						4th

# **Housing Initiatives Program**

## **The Housing Counseling:**

The counseling program funded by HUD/HAF grant has added two new clients. The one-on-one counseling program coaches and provides clients with supportive tools to meet the goal of home ownership.

We have completed construction on the two homes awarded to Bell-Whitley CAA in the 2018 HOME funding round. Construction on the third and final home awarded is in final stages of construction.

We have completed the home awarded to Bell-Whitley CAA in the 2018 AHTF demo/rebuild.

The HAF (Housing Assistance Fund) grant was released April 12, 2018 for FY 2019. Bell-Whitley was awarded the amount requested \$1000.00. This grant money is used for the homeowner education and one on one counseling.

The HUD Grant Bell-Whitley requested was awarded in the amount of \$3600.00. November 2019 per the HUD rule both of Bell-Whitley's housing counselors have passed the HUD exam.

Bell-Whitley's housing counseling staff is dedicated to assisting clients in the following areas: Pre-purchase, post purchase, loss mitigation, foreclosure/default, and homeowner rehab. The housing office manages a plethora of programs/duties.

## **Housing:**

We were awarded HOME 2021 grant for single family new construction of two homes and AHTFHR grant 2021 for a total of no less than ten homes. We will work in conjunction with our Weatherization program and the AHTF Home Repair to assist homeowners with repairs working from Weatherization walk-away list, this is per KHC guide in order to receive the grant funds. We have begun the application process and received our fully executed grant agreements.

## **The Unemployment Bridge Program (UBP):**

The Unemployment Bridge Program ended November 20, 2020. Bell-Whitley counselors received approval for fourteen households in the commonwealth.

This program provided assistance for people who had been laid off and receiving unemployment benefits during the pandemic or had become disabled and having hard time meeting mortgage payments. The maximum amount of funds per family was \$10,000 or a time period of 6 months, whichever came first. Many people contacted Bell-Whitley from various counties in the state to obtain assistance with this program.

For more information you can view the website at [www.protectmykyhome.org](http://www.protectmykyhome.org) , contact Anna Brock at the Bell county office or Charles Lester at the Whitley county office.



# 2020-2021 Board Of Directors

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### *The Community Action Promise*

*Community Action changes people's lives,  
embodies the spirit of hope,  
improves communities,  
and makes America a better place to live.  
We care about the entire community,  
and we are dedicated  
to helping people help themselves  
and each other.*

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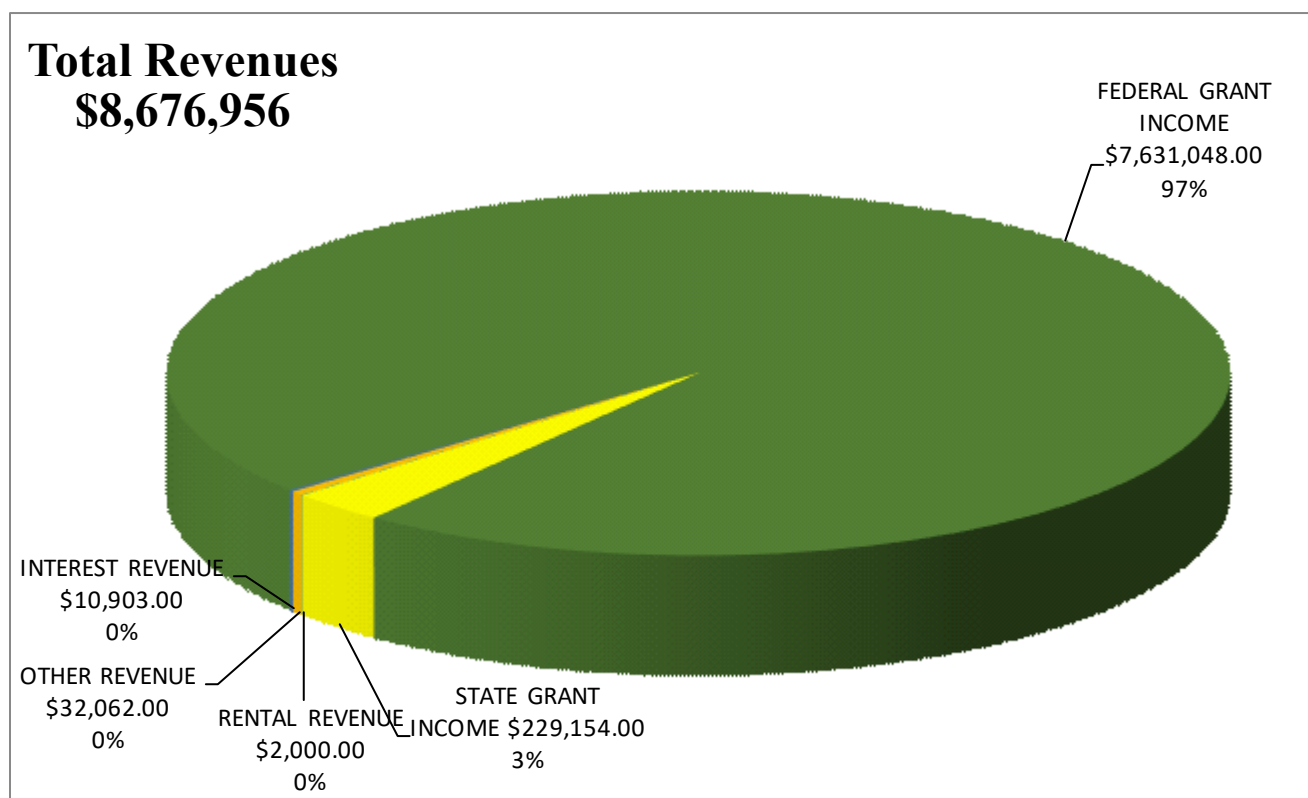
## For Year Ending June 30th, 2020

### REVENUES

Federal Grant Income	\$7,631,048
State Grant Income	\$229,154
Rental Revenue	\$2,000
Interest Income	\$10,903
In-Kind Contributions	\$482,789
Other Income	\$321,062

### TOTAL REVENUES

**\$8,676,956**



**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES****BELL-WHITLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC.****FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020****PROGRAM EXPENDITURES**

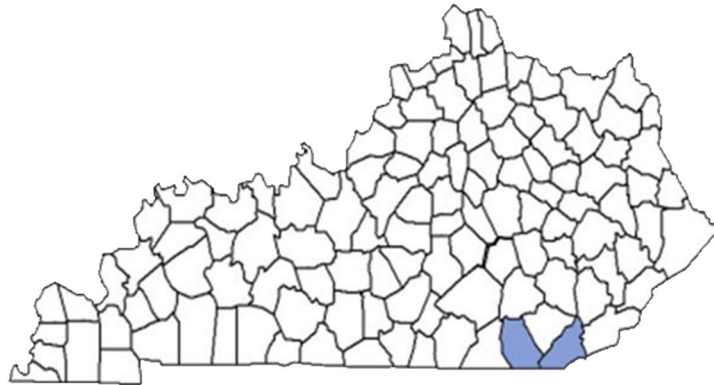
Weatherization Program	\$76,881.00
Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program	\$1,232,013.00
Head Start / Early Head Start	\$903,859.00
WIOA	\$309,295.00
Housing	\$331,970.00
Emergency Services	\$7,523.00
Other Program Services	\$96,372.00
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$2,957,313.00</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$5,450,402.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,407,715.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,407,715.00</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$269,241.00</b>
Net Assets July 1, 2019	\$3,551,243.00
<b>NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$3,820,484.00</b>



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