

**USDA RCDI Grant Update**  
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The following highlighted updates show USDA RCDI grant utilization in the five strikeforce counties of Doddridge, Ritchie, Barbour, Nicholas, and Summers counties.

- The second quarter of 2018 found Doddridge, Ritchie, Nicholas, and Summers counties **ALL** moving forward on utilizing grant funding in exciting ways.
- All five counties have held assessments for their nonprofits to determine what areas of capacity building are most pressing for them. While there are many similarities, each county is individual in their needs and addressing them.
- Barbour County is nearing completion of a new website for the Barbour County Community Foundation. Tucker Community Foundation has stepped in to help manage grant activities and provide more momentum for nonprofit engagement.
- All five counties participated with representation in a webinar regarding funding for Year 3 in July.
- The electronic contact list for the nonprofits in all five counties has grown with the meetings in each county. It now reaches 159 nonprofits serving the five strikeforce counties. This has resulted in more participation by RCDI nonprofits in events such as the Fundraising Clinic in July and registering for the upcoming nonprofit summit in September.
- Doddridge and Ritchie have a completed Year 3 plan for Wealth Engagement as well as Program Development. The other three counties are on track to have theirs completed by September 1<sup>st</sup> (they are a bit later due to the timing of their nonprofit assessment events.)
- All five counties had at least one representative attend the Community Foundation Institute in June. Doddridge, Ritchie, and Barbour all had two representatives. All attended the RCDI meeting to discuss possible use of grant funds in Year 3.

Overall, the counties have all started to progress toward reaching the goals of wealth engagement and program development in their counties. The ideas for Year 3 are very encouraging, with a renewed interest in utilizing funding for appropriate programs. We are also encouraged by the number of nonprofits from RCDI counties engaging with WVNPA programming.

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