

**USDA RCDI Grant Update
November 16, 2018**

Highlights:

- The third quarter of 2018 found Doddridge, Ritchie, Nicholas, and Summers counties **ALL** moving forward on utilizing grant funding.
- All five counties have updated current expense tracking and have planning in place to utilize grant funding for wealth engagement and program development.
- The website for Barbour County Community Foundation is complete. Programming is being further implemented in Barbour County by the Tucker Community Foundation.
- All five counties participated in Philanthropy WV’s annual conference, with a special RCDI county meeting before the start of the conference. This was important to share some of the successes and challenges in the activities already completed as well as additional ideas for the final year.
- Nonprofit leaders from all five RCDI counties participated in the WVNPA conference in September. Participation from last year has risen considerably. In 2017, there were 6 RCDI nonprofit leaders in attendance. In 2018, there were 19!
- Doddridge and Ritchie launched new programming for program development in both counties with the Train the Trainer program for board governance. The initial launch was met with enthusiasm and evaluations were positive.

Tracking Spending:

Aggressive spending is needed in year 3 to utilize all of the funding. Below is a table outlining the entire amounts in each category that each county should be spending (amounts in bold at the top of the table) according to the grant. It also shows current available funds in each county in each category.

Funds Remaining in Counties in Year 3					
	Centralized	Allotment	Centralized	Allotment	
County	Wealth Eng	Wealth Eng	Prog Dev	Prog Dev	Travel
Budget/County	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$10,800.00	\$ 2,100.00
Barbour	\$ 4,055.00	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 3,398.67	\$ 8,654.00	\$ 1,695.54
Doddridge	\$ 3,712.50	\$ 3,194.62	\$ 2,870.78	\$ 5,909.17	\$ 571.05
Ritchie	\$ 3,712.50	\$ 3,002.14	\$ 3,558.78	\$ 7,755.23	\$ 701.01
Nicholas	\$ 3,064.30	\$ 4,345.73	\$ 4,051.67	\$ 9,596.56	\$ 1,371.76
Summers	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 3,710.63	\$ 4,183.67	\$ 8,394.70	\$ 943.65
Total Funds Remaining	\$ 18,459.30	\$20,403.12	\$ 18,063.57	\$40,309.66	\$ 5,283.01

As we move through Year 3, each county has attended meetings emphasizing the importance of utilizing the funding in each category. County leaders are encouraged to have strategies implemented for use of funds. Milestones are in place to ensure use of funds. If those milestones are not met in a county, the available funds may be removed from that county and given to another county that has a strategy in place for utilizing the funds.

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