10 YEARS
OF CEDIK
THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE OF KENTUCKY
UK COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & ENVIRONMENT

$15.2 million
COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING

$1.53 million
REINVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY

IMPACT OF OUR WORK IN KENTUCKY
FY 2015 - 2020

$1.2 million
IN-KIND RESOURCES CONTRIBUTED BY COMMUNITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS

3,403 JOBS CREATED, RETAINED OR EXPANDED

1,229 BUSINESSES CREATED, RETAINED OR EXPANDED

6,270 PARTICIPANTS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES & OPPORTUNITIES

569 NEW/REVISED PLANS IMPLEMENTED IN COMMUNITY, AGENCY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS OR DISASTER

187 NEW ALLIANCES OR NETWORKS FORMED THROUGH MOU OR AGREEMENT

ENGAGED COMMUNITIES. VIBRANT ECONOMIES.
COLLABORATIONS

PARTNERING WITH PUBLIC & PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS KENTUCKY.

KY Cabinet for Economic Development
KY Workforce Cabinet
KY Commission on Military Affairs
KY Department for Public Health
Governor’s Office on Agricultural Policy
KY Center for Ag & Rural Development
KY Association for Economic Development
KY Magistrates & Commissioners Association
KY Association of Counties
Area Development Districts
KY Assoc. of Chamber of Commerce Executives
Local Economic Development Agencies
Local Chambers of Commerce
Eastern KY Concentrated Employment Program
Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR)

Kentucky Promise Zone
Centre College
Community Farm Alliance
Appalachian Impact Fund
Foundation for Appalachian KY
Blue Grass Community Foundation
The Greater Clark Foundation
Community Foundation of West KY
Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation
James Graham Brown Foundation
KY Hospital Association
State Office of Rural Health
Foundation for a Healthy KY
KY Board of Emergency Medical Services

OUR TEAM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OUR COUNTY DATA PROFILES ARE A TRUSTED RESOURCE FOR LOCAL DATA.

Our research team provides timely and unique data in Tableau on our website. Data are provided for all 120 Kentucky Counties and Area Development Districts, and often benchmarked against state & national data. The profiles cover the following topics: Ag & Food, County Budgets, Digital Divide, Economic, Health, Housing, Retail Sector, Small Business, & Workforce. We continually hear from our UK and statewide partners about the value this data resource provides for grant writing and local decision making.

OUR PROGRAMMING HELPS ORGANIZATIONS SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES BETTER.

Our Community Needs Assessments bring stakeholders together to explore how their organization can better serve their community. Whether we are working with statewide hospitals, a chamber of commerce, the local tourism and visitor’s center, or even our own Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, CEDIK works to secure broad community input through town halls, focus groups, key informant interviews, and community surveys. We work alongside leaders as they translate the community input into actionable change. These assessments often help shift organizational mentality, and local participation in the process boosts community pride and future engagement.
WE ARE RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL LEADERS AT THE INTERSECTION OF RURAL HEALTH & LOCAL ECONOMIES.

CEDIK was recently awarded a three year funding commitment by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy at the Health Resources and Services Administration to establish a national Center for Economic Analysis for Rural Health (CEARH). CEARH equips rural communities with tools to communicate the importance of the local healthcare system, as well as to create strategies to improve the sustainability of the local healthcare system.

CEDIK faculty and staff are providing data tools, conducting research on rural health issues, and offering training to local leaders to build capacity.

The advisory council for CEARH includes academic partners from University of Wisconsin, University of Nevada - Reno, and Michigan State University, as well as national media outlets that disseminate news and research on rural health.

WE PROVIDE CUSTOMIZED DATA & ANALYSIS THAT HELPS INFORM LOCAL DECISION MAKING.

CEDIK prepared a report for Fayette Alliance in 2017 that revealed the economic impact of agriculture in Fayette County, and helped support LFUCG’s decision to maintain the urban service boundary.

Housing studies help city and county stakeholders better understand the future housing needs of people who live or work in the community.

We work with Area Development Districts to provide studies on wages and benefits for specific industries, as well as provide economic cluster analysis.

These types of analyses help bring together local decision makers to build a regional strategy for economic and workforce development.