



## Community Resource Guide

### **American Federation of Musicians, Local 11-637**

Metro Louisville government supports a program called the Community Music Partnership (CMP), jointly administered by the Metro Council and the Louisville Musicians' Union. Bands are provided to eligible organizations and groups at no-cost to perform at community events and venues such as, neighborhood block parties, senior centers, retirement communities, health fair screenings and traditional community festivals. You may have seen AFM musicians and enjoyed their music at such events as, the Art in the Arbor, the Americana Festival, the Shawnee Library Derby Party and many others. To inquire about the possibility of having free live music at your next event, contact your Metro Councilperson's office, or visit <http://www.louisvillemusicians.org>

### **The Awesome Foundation**

The Awesome Foundation gives \$1,000 grants to Louisville, KY-based projects that get people talking, sharing, and creating. They especially love projects that involve social entrepreneurship, community building, and technology and that benefit lots of people. They don't fund requests for personal grants (i.e. rent) or small business operations (i.e. admin or startup costs).

The Awesome Foundation meets every other month and invites the creators of our favorite projects to make their pitch. Directly after, they vote, announce the winner, and hand over the money! They take you at your word that you'll finish the project and keep us in the loop along the way.

<https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/louisville>

### **Beargrass Creek Alliance**

The Beargrass Creek Alliance is a grassroots, action-oriented group seeking to preserve Louisville's greatest natural resource through community involvement. Our mission is to raise awareness about Beargrass Creek and make it clean, safe, and accessible for all.

The Beargrass Creek Alliance has developed a program to help get our neighbors involved in cleaning up Beargrass. The Neighborhood Creek Project is an education and outreach program that focuses on reducing stormwater by engaging local groups on the issues. The Pledge is a simple way to make changes that matter. From not running your washing machine on a rainy day to planting a rain garden with your neighbor, we can all do something! <https://kwalliance.org/what-we-do/watershed-planning/current-projects/beargrass-creek-alliance>

### **Bicycling For Louisville**

B4L advocates for transforming Louisville's streetscapes into vibrant, active places through people-friendly road design. We believe biking is a fun and healthy way to get around, and that it should be safe and convenient for everybody in the city.

Bicycling for Louisville is advocating for new bike lanes and public plazas, lifesaving traffic laws and innovations to transform Louisville's streets. <http://bicyclingforlouisville.org>

## **Brightside**

Brightside is dedicated to uniting people in clean and green activities that beautify and foster pride in our community through volunteerism, planting, sustainability, & education.

Donor funded and volunteer driven since 1986, Brightside works to unite people in clean and green activities to beautify the city and foster community pride. Brightside believes that a clean and green city promotes a high quality of life, which is deserved by all citizens.

Brightside promotes sustainability through our long-standing education programs that spread our mission to future generations and prepare for a brighter tomorrow, while our green living program advocates and educates about everyday sustainable living practices. Their Brightsites and planting projects strengthen and support our native eco-system and tree canopy, while encouraging community involvement, pride in place, and economic development.

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/Brightside>

## **Center For Nonprofit Excellence**

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence was established in 1999 as a central point to access information, best practices, professional development, and hands-on consultation geared towards helping the nonprofit sector reach its individual and collective aspirations. CNPE offers a variety of nonprofit education programs, including grant writing and a Nonprofit Startup Clinic.

<https://www.cnpe.org>

## **Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service**

Kentucky's two land-grant universities, the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University, serve as partners in conducting educational programs through Cooperative Extension. The program delivery process involves Extension faculty, county agents, advisory council members, volunteer leaders and the general public.

JCCES offers programs related to horticulture and community gardens, family and consumer sciences, nutrition, and youth development. JCCES manages ten community gardens throughout Metro Louisville, and offers soil testing and gardening training for a nominal fee.

<http://jefferson.ca.uky.edu>

## **Legal Aid Society**

In addition to providing pro bono legal services for those who qualify, the Louisville Legal Aid Society offers do-it-yourself legal resources, a 501(c)3 toolkit, and a tenant's rights manual on their website. <http://www.laslou.org>

## **Louisville Free Public Library**

The Library's mission is to provide the people of Louisville and Jefferson County with the broadest possible access to knowledge, ideas, and information and to support them in their pursuit of learning. In support of its mission, the Library provides meeting rooms for programs and activities of the Louisville Free Public Library. The Library encourages the use of meeting rooms by community groups and organizations engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual or charitable activities. All meetings must be free and open to the general public. LFPL also has an extensive Louisville and Kentucky history collection including City Directories, legacy neighborhood plans, newspapers, and digital access to historical maps and other materials. <http://www.lfpl.org>

## **Louisville Metro Archives and Records Center**

The Louisville Metro Archives storage facility has the shelf capacity to store approximately 36,000 cubic feet of boxed paper records. Approximately 32,000 cubic feet are currently in storage along with over 5,000 bound volumes of original records (including wills, deeds, marriages

bonds/licenses, etc.), over 5,000 maps, blueprints and drawings and over 4,000 rolls of microfilm. These items date from 1789 to the present. The public is invited to visit the facility during regular business hours and use their reference materials and resources for research purposes. The dedicated staff will be happy to help direct your search through the City of Louisville and Jefferson County records as well as the more recent Metro Louisville records which are housed there.

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/records-management-archives>

### **Louisville Metro Parks**

Louisville's parks system includes 120 parks, four indoor lodges, four modern conference facilities, more than 60 outdoor picnic shelters, more than 170 Tennis Courts, more than 75 Baseball/Softball fields, more than 50 Football/Soccer/Multi-use Fields and over a dozen Community Centers that are available for family picnics, employee appreciation days, weddings, reunions, conferences, field trips, practices, games, special events, and more. <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/parks>

### **Louisville Metro Division of Community Forestry**

The Division of Community Forestry (Division) is responsible for:

- Enforcing Louisville Metro's Tree Ordinance
- Overseeing the planting and maintenance of street trees on public property; Including the permitting to plant, prune, and remove tree on public property of Metro maintained streets, unless the property pertains to a park or parkways
- Leading the community through tree best management standards
- Working unilaterally with other city agencies and urban forest stakeholders to ensure the health and vitality of Louisville's community forest

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/division-community-forestry>

### **Louisville Nature Center**

The Beargrass Creek State Nature Preserve, along with the Louisville Nature Center campus, is Louisville Metro's primary destination for discovery that nature begins in our own backyard. Louisville Nature Center offers education programs, facility rentals, tree giveaways, and rain barrels at discounted prices. <https://www.louisvillenaturecenter.org>

### **Metro United Way**

In addition to their change lives in our community by fighting for the education, financial stability and health of every person in our surrounding area, MUW works to connect people to supportive resources that improve family stability. Metro United Way's 2-1-1 help referral service directs people looking for resources to help them face life challenges, often for the first time, to the appropriate service provider. Recently celebrating it's 10th anniversary, the 2-1-1 help referral service has been used by over 540,000 people in our community in ten years. 2-1-1 is available in nine counties in Kentucky and three in Southern Indiana. Should the 2-1-1 number not work from your phone, alternative numbers to dial are 502-753-2201 or 1-877-566-4968. You can also text your zip code to 898211. <https://metrounitedway.org>

### **Neighborhood Roundtable**

The Neighborhood Roundtable was created when grassroots leaders asked for a forum where they could speak frankly about their neighborhoods' issues and share best practices. To date, over 250 residents representing 15 neighborhoods have participated. Roundtable groups submit annual Neighborhoods Assessment Reports to the Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits, and Licenses, that focus on vacant properties, high weeds, safety concerns, needful neighborhood parks, and unsafe sidewalks. Every Neighborhood Roundtable is an opportunity to voice your concerns about your neighborhood, and a way to learn about resources that can help your

neighborhood! Neighborhood Roundtable is a program of New Directions Housing Corporation.  
<http://www.ndhc.org/neighborhoodroundtable>

### **Repair Affair**

Repair Affair mobilizes community-wide resources and volunteer support to assist these vulnerable homeowners with essential home repairs. The focus of Repair Affair is on home safety, security, weatherization and neighborhood stability. By simply installing hand rails, fixing broken steps, or making modifications to accommodate a wheel chair we can make it possible for a senior or disabled homeowner to remain independently in their own home. Best of all the assistance is completely free to the recipients. To date over 30,000 volunteers have performed over 300,000 volunteer hours and repaired over 3,000 homes in Kentuckiana. Repair Affair is a program of New Directions Housing Corporation. <http://www.ndhc.org/programs-repair>