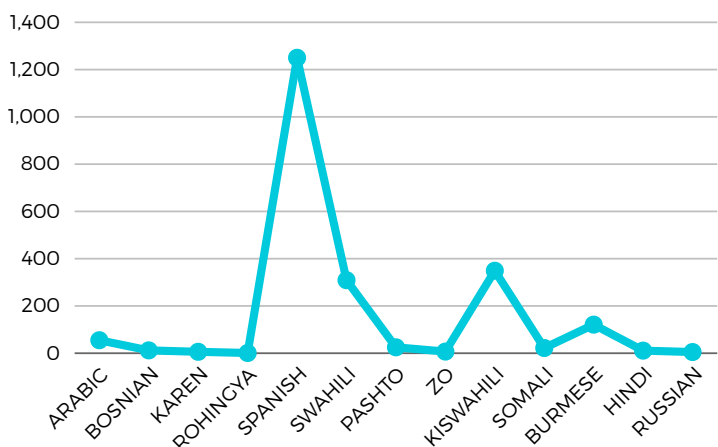


Numbers at a glance:

- Mailers sent for community engagement events: **1,084 postcards/ 20 letters**
 - **20 letters to AFNA participants, 815 flyers for Down at the Creek event, 175 Amigos meeting notices, 94 trash can reminders for Lynnwood Way**
- **(1) E-newsletters & social media reach: 615 subscribers w/ 145 opens & 147 engagements/reach**
- Information, assistance and referrals cases: **74 assist cases**
- Special Events Permitted: **6**
- Road Closures/No Parking Signs: **7**
- Noise Variances Issued: **0**
- Film Permits Processed: **1**
- **(1) Training in Cultural Comp./Language Access Training with 10 employees**
- Participants in Community Engagement activities: **1,721**



Language Access Provided to Residents with Limited English Proficiency July 2026

2,211 Total Minutes of Language Interpretation Used

1,247 minutes from 911 Dispatch/BGPD VRI

933 minutes all other City Depts.

31 minutes of Video Remote Interpreting

13 different languages requested

STRATEGIC NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FALL 2026 CYCLE UPDATE

July 1 kicked off the Fall application cycle for the third round since the program was revamped last Fall. The application deadline closed on August 1, with a total of **23 applications** submitted and more than **\$129,720** of grant requests.

Under the new revised program guidelines we are also seeing a greater project completion rate:

- Fall 2025 cycle: 8 out of 10 awarded projects completed.
- Spring 2026 cycle: 9 out of 11 projects completed.

Note, awardees get a full year to complete their funded projects.



H.D. CARPENTER BLOCK PARTY #3

The July H.D. Carpenter Block Party was held on July 9 and featured a Splash Day theme. Hosted in partnership with the Bowling Green Police Department and Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, the event drew a great crowd as families enjoyed free food and an afternoon of summer fun. Residents enjoyed a fun-filled evening cooling off on the water slide while connecting with neighbors and City staff. CED staff distributed free bus passes to attendees who used or wanted to utilize our public transit system, thanks for a grant from the BG Promise Neighborhood.

The event provided another opportunity to strengthen neighborhood relationships and promote community engagement in a welcoming environment.



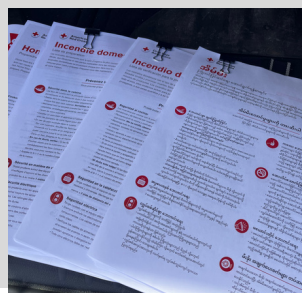
SMOKE ALARM DRIVE IN MOSS MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD

The Community Engagement team was grateful to partner with the Bowling Green Fire Department and BG Promise Neighborhood for a smoke alarm drive in the Moss Meadows neighborhood.

Together, with the support of volunteers from our Promise Neighborhood partners including Jennings Creek Elementary, Moss Middle School, Family Enrichment Center, and United Way of Southern Kentucky, we visited more than 160 homes in the neighborhood to promote fire safety and connect with residents.

During the event, we installed 21 new smoke alarms and replaced batteries in 13 additional alarms, helping ensure more families have the protection they need. We are thankful for the many community partners and volunteers who gave their time to make this outreach effort a success.

This smoke alarm drive was coordinated by Hannah Minton, Community Navigator, and point of contact staff for our BG Promise Neighborhood efforts.



NEW AMERICAN WORKFORCE SUMMIT

More than 100 employers, human resources professionals, workforce leaders and community organizations are gathered on Tuesday, July 14, for the New American Workforce Summit at the WKU Innovation Campus.

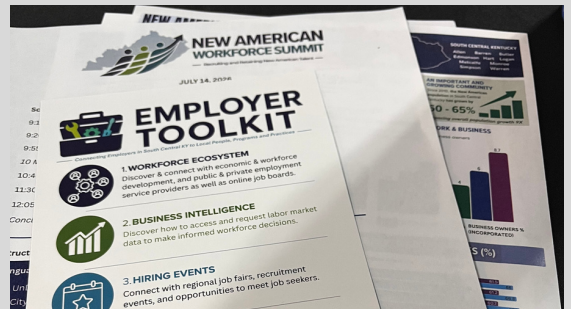
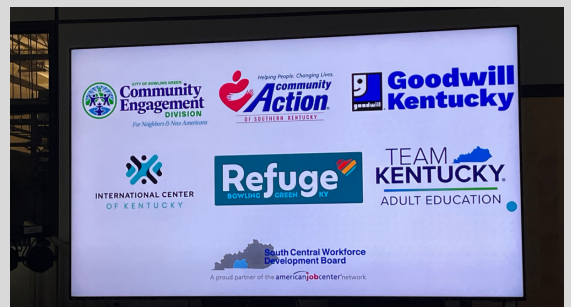
Hosted by the South Central Workforce Development Board, the summit focused on practical strategies for recruiting, retaining and advancing New American workers as employers across the region continue to face hiring challenges.

The event will feature discussions on employer success stories, language access and communication solutions, supervising and advancing New American employees, recruitment partnerships and talent pipelines, and immigration and work authorization basics for employers.

Leyda Becker, Community Engagement Division Manager, took part of a community partners panel discussing innovative strategies the City of Bowling Green has put in place to build leadership capacity, including the award-winning Academy for New Americans and the recently adopted Bilingual Incentive Pay Policy.

She also led a table discussion on workplace communication tools, translation technology, English language learning resources, multilingual training materials, and strategies for overcoming language barriers in operational environments.

According to the Workforce Development Board, nearly 12,000 New Americans are now part of the labor force across the region's 10-county service area, which includes Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson and Warren counties. Board officials say essentially all net growth in the region's prime-age workforce since 2010 has come from New American workers.



DOWN AT THE CREEK BLOCK PARTY

The Jennings Creek neighborhood block party took place on Wednesday, July 22 at the Jennings Creek Nature Playscape as part of United Way's annual "Day of Caring" and our efforts for the BG Promise Neighborhood.

The Community Engagement Division took the lead in organizing and implementing this event with support from:

- the Bowling Green Police Department,
- the Bowling Green Fire Department,
- Bowling Green Public Works Environmental Services Division,
- Bowling Green Parks and Recreation
- Family Enrichment Center
- Warren County Public Library's THRIVE Program
- Warren County Parks Rec on the Run
- United Way of Southern KY

This project was adopted by the wonderful volunteers from Champions Pet Food in Auburn, KY. Volunteers served free pizza and beverages for nearly 200 attendees. Community partners offered informational resources, such as the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Parent Power sign-ups, Kindergarten Readiness Kits, free BG Transit Bus passes, free activities, and giveaways.

Over 815 postcards were mailed into the neighborhood publicizing the event, as well as post that went out in Talking Points to parents with children at Jennings Creek Elementary and Moss Middle School.



AMIGOS RESOURCE NETWORK "BUILDING CREDIT IN THE USA"

Amigos Resource Network in partnership with Ask Me Solutions Co., hosted a free workshop in spanish on credit and personal finance.

Attendees learned about credit scores, budgeting, and smart financial practices to help them make informed financial decisions.

The event provided valuable resources and support to empower the Hispanic Community on growing their financial literacy in the United States.

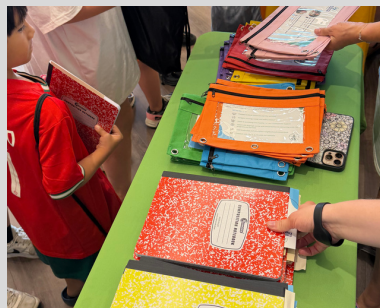


WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

We were excited to be part of Warren County Schools' Annual Back to School Bash!

Our team had the opportunity to connect with more than 1,000 students and families, providing composition notebooks and pencil pouches to help students start the new school year prepared for success.

We also shared information about City services and community resources, helping residents learn about the programs and support available to them. We're grateful for opportunities like this to connect with our community and wish all students a wonderful and safe school year!



At-a-glance Community Engagement



Dates	Event Name	Host Organization & Lead Staff
July 6th	Creekwood Outreach Pop Up	CED Team, Hannah Minton, Rahel Morfin Castillo
July 8th	Reading Island at ELA	Warren Elementary FRC, Hannah M, Rahel M. C.
July 9th	H.D. Carpenter Block Party III	CED Team, BGPR, BGPD
July 13th	Creekwood Smoke Alarm Drive	CED Team, BGFD, Promise Neighborhood partners
July 14th	New American Summit For Employers	Southcentral Workforce Development Board, Leyda Becker
July 15th	Reading Island at ELA	Warren Elementary FRC, Hannah M, Emily Gentry
July 22nd	Down at the Creek Block Party	CED Team, United Way partners, various volunteers, Promise Neighborhood partners
July 23rd	Amigos Resource Network	CED Team, Rahel Morfin Castillo
July 24 th	Salvation Army Job & Resource Fair	Kris York (Goodwill), Hannah M., Rahel M.C.
July 28th	Warren County Back to School Bash	Warren County FRYSC, Emily G., Hannah M, Rahel M.C.
July 29th	Patrick Way Outreach	Natcher Elementary FRC, Hannah M., Rahel, BGPD