



**Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee Meeting**

LOCATION: MVRPC Office (6 N. Main Street, Suite 447, Dayton, OH 45402)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pg.</u>	<u>Est. Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
I.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Subcommittee Chair Introduction</li> </ul>		2:30	Nikol Miller
II.	<b>Program Manager's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Westwood Right Project CDC                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academy for Thriving Communities</li> <li>AmericaFWD National Community of Practice</li> </ul> </li> <li>BroadbandOhio &amp; BEAD Program</li> </ul>		2:35	Fabrice Juin
III.	<b>Age-Friendly Initiative Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age-Friendly Grants</li> <li>Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network</li> </ul>		2:50	Amie Biondo
IV.	<b>Transportation Domain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of Transit in the Miami Valley</li> </ul>		3:00	Serena Anderson
V.	<b>Asian American &amp; Pacific Islander Heritage Month</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asian American Council of Greater Dayton</li> </ul>		3:20	Don Hayashi
VI.	<b>Subcommittee Chair &amp; Member Updates/Insights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Census 2030 &amp; LUCA</li> </ul>		3:30	Nikol Miller
VII.	<b>Other Informational Items &amp; Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miami Valley Urban League 2026 Pillar Awards (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>AdaptDayton (City of Dayton Planning Division)</li> <li><a href="#">Upcoming Equity Engagements</a></li> </ul>		3:45	All
VIII.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>		4:00	Nikol Miller

**\*\*NEXT MEETING is August 26, 2026\*\***

All information is available on the [MVRPC Committee Center](#)

Interpreters for hearing-impaired individuals are available upon request; requests should be made at least one week ahead.



## Nikol Miller

### Executive Director

#### Champion for Community Development and Social Justice

**Nikol Miller** is the Executive Director of the Miami Valley Urban League, a division of the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio. As a mission-driven lifelong public servant, Nikol brings extensive experience in community outreach, public policy, fundraising, and media relations to her role.

A proud alumna of Meadowdale High School in Dayton, OH, and Miami University in Oxford, OH, Nikol has deep roots in the Miami Valley. Before taking on her current role, she served as the Community Relations Manager for the Greater Dayton RTA. Her commitment to public service extends beyond Dayton; she played a pivotal role in developing the national outreach plan for the 2020 Census as part of a consultancy team and served as Chief of Staff for Chicago's 7th Ward Alderman.

Nikol is highly active in her community, holding leadership positions on several boards, including:

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Greater Edgemont Community Coalition
- Five Rivers Health Center Edgemont Campus Board
- African American Community Fund Board
- City of Dayton's Community and Neighborhood Development Advisory Board
- OnMain Advisory Board
- CityWide Development Corporation
- Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees

Her dedication to community service is complemented by her membership at St. Benedict Catholic Church. Nikol resides in Dayton's Sunnyview-Catalpa neighborhood with her beloved dog, Neo. She is also a proud aunt, affectionately known as the FUNtie, to Bryanna Robinson and Eryanna Miller.

Nikol Miller's leadership at the Miami Valley Urban League exemplifies her commitment to fostering economic empowerment, social justice, and community development in the Greater Dayton region.

# The Case Study of Westwood

- Dee Wooding, founder of Westwood Right Project CDC, participated in the Miami Valley Environmental Justice Academy (2022)
- Westwood Neighborhood Strategic Plan published (2023)
- Selected for the Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (2025)
- One of four selected for AmericaFWD National Community of Practice (2026)

# Local Addresses Awarded via BEAD Program

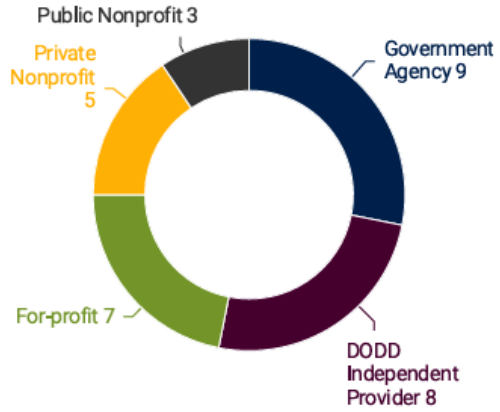
- Darke: 1,635 addresses awarded
- Greene: 320 addresses awarded
- Miami: 1,003 addresses awarded
- Montgomery: 207 addresses awarded
- Preble: 711 addresses awarded
- Shelby: 79 addresses awarded
- Warren: 152 addresses awarded

**Total: 4,107 awarded addresses**

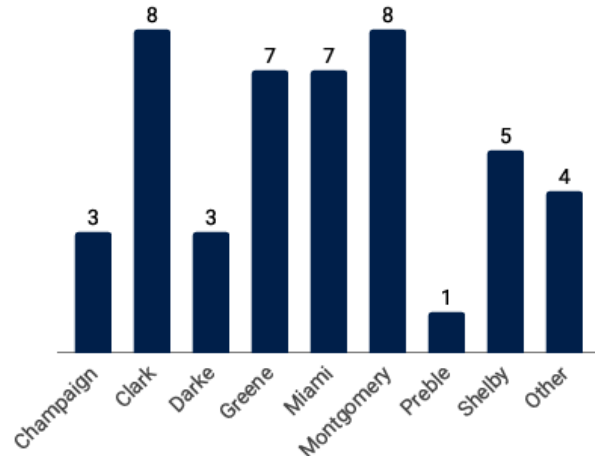
# Age-Friendly Communities Grant: Award Recommendations

- **Preble County** – for the Needs Assessment (\$20,000)
- **City of Piqua** – for the Needs Assessment (\$15,000)
- **City of Clayton** – for the Needs Assessment (\$10,000)
- **City of Brookville** – enhancing age-friendly park features (\$10,000)
- **Village of Yellow Springs / Yellow Springs Senior Citizens, Inc.** – printing and distribution of magazine-style resource guide (\$5,300)
- **City of Huber Heights** – continuing Senior Center Scholarship Program (\$5,000)

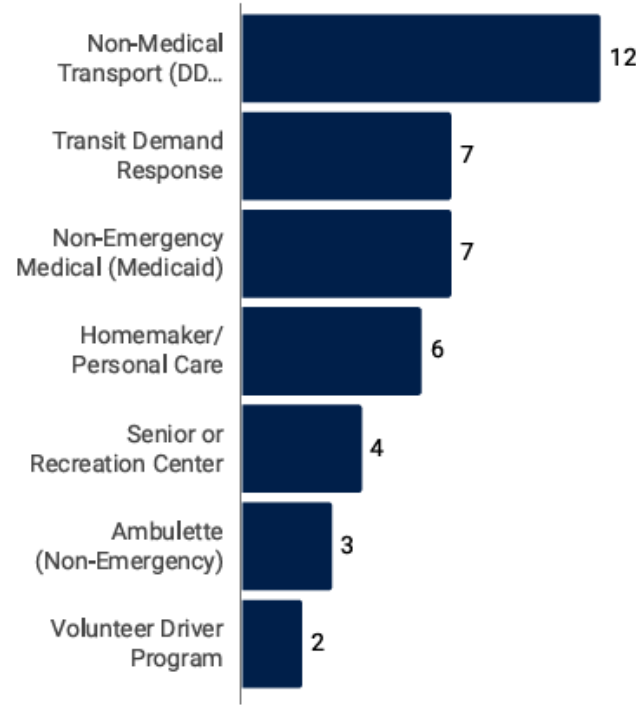
### Agency Composition



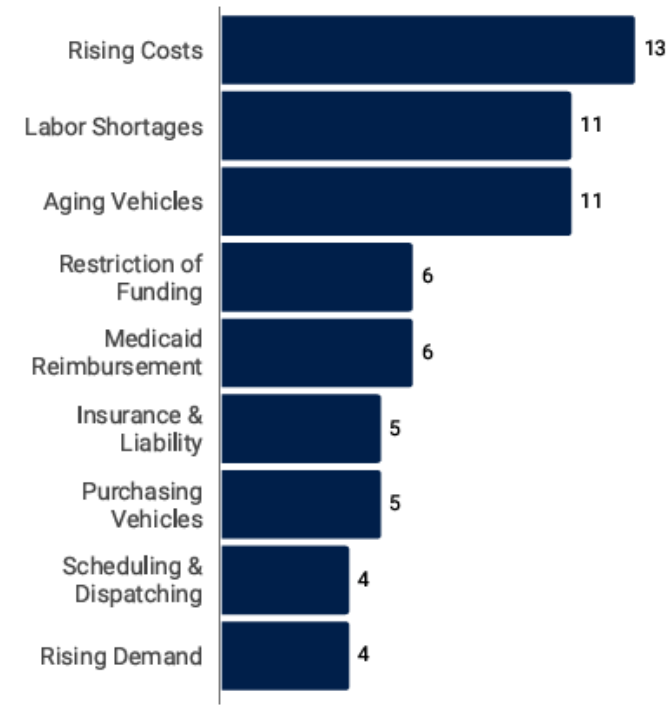
### Counties Primarily Served



### Types of Services Offered



### Top Operational Challenges



### Most Cited Challenges

1. Low Reimbursement Rates (Medicaid)
2. Inadequate Funding (Financial Instability)
3. Driver Shortages (Low Salaries)
4. Aging Fleet (High Repair Costs)
5. Rising Operational Costs (Fuel, Insurance, Etc.)
6. Scheduling Constraints (Especially in Rural Areas)
7. Regulatory & Administrative Burdens (Compliance, Reporting, Credentialing)

### Most Cited Solutions

1. Higher Reimbursement Rates (Medicaid)
2. More Grant Funding (Vehicle Purchases)
3. Reduced Operational Costs (Increase Efficiency)
4. Stable Contract-Based Funding (Guaranteed)
5. Better Scheduling (Software Systems)
6. Increase Local Funding Sources (Levies, Sales Tax, Local Tax, State Tax)

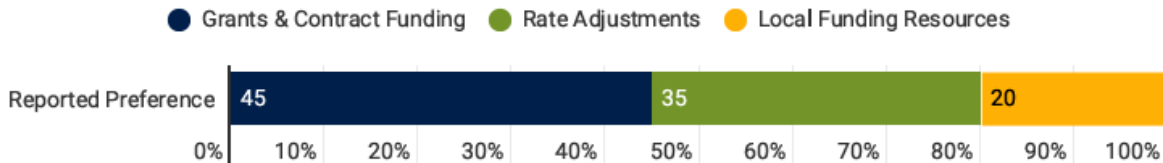
### Frequency of Challenges Maintaining Services

Over 50% of providers face challenges occasionally to always.

### Need to Expand (Next 5 Years)

The vast majority foresee a need to grow.

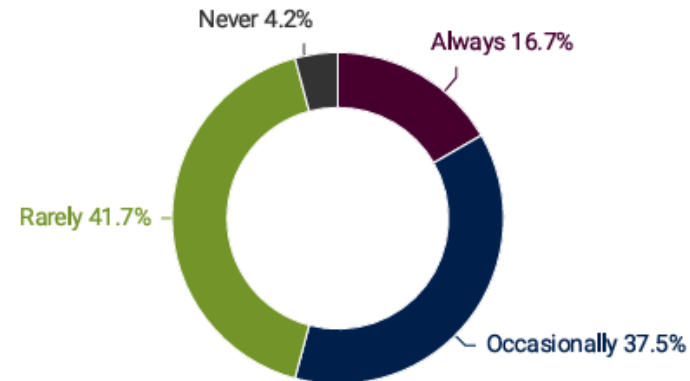
### Funding Solutions Impact Prioritization (%)



Survey reports a critical need for funding structural changes. Without guaranteed contracts or subsidies, service gaps in lower-demand regions are likely to worsen over time as operational costs continue to rise.

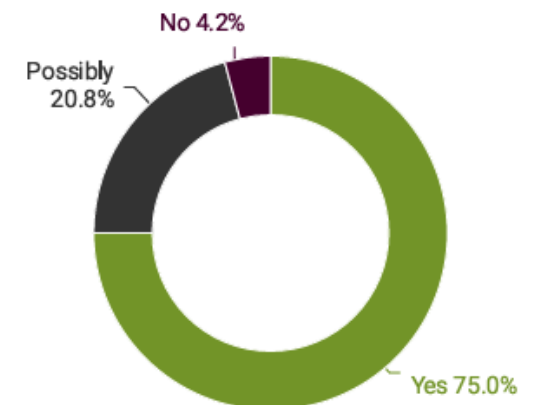
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# COMMUNITY SURVEY

## We want to hear from you!

The City of Dayton Planning Division is starting a project called AdaptDayton. It is a community project to update the rules about how land and buildings are used in the city. AdaptDayton will review the city's zoning rules, zoning maps, and how the city works with residents.



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