

**ARRA Experience:**

# Green River Area Development District

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**Green River Area Development District (GRADD)** affords local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities; and, to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district. GRADD serves Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Webster and Union Counties in Western Kentucky.

*Did your state include you in ARRA discussions? Were you briefed, given up-to-date information and kept aware of the opportunities for your organization(s) and members (i.e. local governments)? Please describe your overall experience on ARRA coordination with your state.*

**O**ur organization has independently researched ARRA information for our local communities.

*What types of outreach educational tools did your organization use or is using for ARRA? Please describe any website, public outreach, surveys, email blasts, newsletters, social networking tools, etc. that you may have used and if it was effective.*

**W**e have used our organization website, e-mail updates, and weekly briefings at our office to keep local officials and citizens updated. Our ARRA data on [GRADD's ARRA website](http://www.gradd.com) has been accessed consistently, and appears to be our most effective way informing our communities.

*Please describe the ARRA funding or tax initiatives your organization or member local governments are directly receiving or involved with.*

**A** complete listing of all ARRA funding received in the GRADD district (thru 5/6/09) can be viewed by [clicking HERE](#).

*How is your organization or member local governments tracking all of the ARRA opportunities? How will you meet the reporting requirements of ARRA if you receive funding?*

**W**e have assigned two staff persons to research and track ARRA opportunities, and all staff of GRADD will assist communities with preparing funding applications and reporting upon request.



*Please share any relevant details of your ARRA experience. Your story is important in measuring progress and overall success!*

**R**esearching ARRA opportunities has been difficult because funding opportunities are not readily accessible through [Recovery.gov](http://Recovery.gov) and [KentuckyatWork.ky.gov](http://KentuckyatWork.ky.gov). Therefore, staff has to access every agency website to track information. Most funding opportunities have been marred with so many conditions that it makes many of our communities ineligible to apply.