

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
FY 2021 Quarterly Report for the Period
July 1 thru September 30, 2020

Numerous activities in support of the ORRCA grant scope of work took place during this **first quarter** of the FY21 grant period.

Q1 Activities in Support of the Scope of Services:

- (1) Members met with the State of Tennessee's grant management team to discuss the new grant for FY21-23. Part of the discussion centered around possible budget modifications to shift some funding among categories due to the COVID-19 pandemic, e.g. travel to public education and outreach.
- (2) Members prepared 4th quarter and annual grant reports, as well as financial statements to submit to the State of Tennessee in support of the ORRCA scope as described in ORRCA's approved work plan and the Tennessee Oversight Interlocal Agreement.
- (3) Staff from member jurisdictions met to discuss and plan public education and outreach activities for the new grant period. Leveraging assets among the parties, including the National Park Service, will help promote efficiencies, collaboration and cooperation in the delivery of ORRCA scope.
- (4) Members reviewed progress and issues related to the State's monitoring of DOE activities, including environmental sampling and progress toward resolving disputes and achieving Federal Facilities Agreement milestones.
- (5) ORRCA members participated in weekly, detailed planning for DOE's annual Intergovernmental Meeting, to be held virtually in November. Topics for the meeting include ORRCA-related scope such as waste management, environmental cleanup, risk communication and impacts of COVID pandemic.
- (6) Members participated in a day-long meeting with the National Park Service, New Mexico, and Washington officials to discuss progress and plans for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.
- (7) Members reviewed proposed plans pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act for the remainder of K-25 interpretation, which includes plans for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.

- (8) Members continued to monitor studies and activities related to DOE on the agency's proposed plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF).
- (9) Members reviewed appropriations bills for FY2021, which contained funding for Oak Ridge DOE programs.
- (10) Members participated in meetings and planning for the proposed Oak Ridge Airport to be located at the East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (11) Members participated in the DOE National Cleanup Workshop, held virtually in September.
- (12) Members participated in numerous virtual meetings with DOE, Energy Communities, and other stakeholders to discuss workforce development, nuclear waste management, DOE's Vision and proposed projects, NEPA studies, and related topics that may impact DOE's programs in Oak Ridge.
- (13) Member jurisdictions continued to monitor DOE's proposed interpretation of the high-level radioactive waste definition. This issue could have implications for waste disposal across the DOE complex.
- (14) Members participated emergency response planning activities.