

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance  
FY 2022 Quarterly Report for the Period  
July 1 thru September 30, 2021

Numerous activities in support of the ORRCA grant scope of work took place during this **first quarter** of the FY22 grant period.

**Q1 Activities in Support of the Scope of Services:**

- (1) Members continued discussions with the State of Tennessee's grant management team to discuss the grant for FY22. In late September, TDEC was notified that the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Environmental Management Office (OREM) approved TDEC's Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) grant continuation application for budget period 7/01/2021 –6/30/2022. This application included \$94,547 for ORRCA FFA subaward that equals ORRCA funding under the ESOA. TDEC advised ORRCA's grant administrator to start planning for ORRCA budget/contract amendment. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, recommended budget modifications include shifting some funding among categories.
- (2) Members prepared the 4th quarter grant reports, as well as financial statements, to submit to the TDEC 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 continued to meet to collaborate on public education and outreach activities. The vendor selected for the public education and outreach project completed much of the video work, incorporating feedback from ORRCA members, and is preparing the draft communications and marketing plan.
- (4) DOE issued the draft Record of Decision for the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF) in mid-July. ORRCA members began reviewing the draft; technical support for the review is being provided by the City's consultant.
- (5) ORRCA members continued to participate in detailed planning for DOE's annual Intergovernmental Meeting, which was scheduled for November 16-18 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Nashville. A determination was made that an in-person meeting was not feasible. The National Governor's Association, in conjunction with other groups including the Energy Communities Alliance, State and Tribal Working Group, and several other federal and state organizations, are planning for virtual briefings by DOE EM. There is a possibility that an in-person could be

held in spring 2022.

- (6) Members continue to monitor finals plans for the remainder of K-25 interpretation pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act. The Oak Ridge City Council adopted the revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that finalizes the commitments at their June business meeting; DOE finalized the MOA in August.
- (7) Members continue to monitor activities related to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park; an ECA meeting is tentatively planned for early 2022.
- (8) Members continue to track DOE's proposed budget for FY2022, which contains funding for Oak Ridge DOE programs. Members are concerned that the proposed budget for Oak Ridge EM is \$83 Million less than the enacted FY21 budget.
- (9) Members participated in meetings and planning for the proposed Oak Ridge Airport to be located at the East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (10) Members continue to participate in planning for the DOE National Cleanup Workshop; the workshop was scheduled for September 7-10, but was postponed due to COVID, the new date is December 7-10 in Alexandria, VA.
- (11) Members participated in several webinar meetings with DOE, Energy Communities, and other intergovernmental groups on topics that may impact DOE's programs in Oak Ridge.
- (12) 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.
- (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 related to the Oak Ridge Reservation, including work toward updating disaster recovery plans and annual emergency response exercise.