

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
FY 2021 Quarterly Report for the Period
April 1 thru June 30, 2021

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

Q4 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 FY21. The revised FY21 budget approved at the ORRCA meeting in March was revised again by the ORRCA members at their June 16th meeting. Budget modifications again shifted some funding among categories due to the COVID-19 pandemic, e.g., travel to public education and outreach and technical support. Discussions will continue to determine recommended modifications to the FY22 budget.
- (2) Members prepared the 3rd quarter 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 continued to meet to collaborate on public education and outreach activities. The vendor selected for the public education and outreach project provided a report at the June 16th meeting and received feedback from ORRCA members to incorporate into the project.
- (4) Staff and members reviewed DOE and contractor reports, with particular interest in data about the East Tennessee Technology Park and the proposed EMDF landfill.
- (5) 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.
- (6) ORRCA members continued to participate in detailed planning for DOE's annual Intergovernmental Meeting, which is scheduled for November 16-18 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Nashville. A decision whether to hold an in-person meeting, or another virtual meeting is expected soon. The National Governor's Association continues to serve as the key planning organization, along with the Energy Communities Alliance, State and Tribal Working Group and several other

federal and state organizations.

- (7) Members participated in a virtual conference with the State Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, DOE, and others to review final 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.
- (8) Members participated in virtual conference roundtable discussions about Workforce Development and potential opportunities and obstacles that could impact the DOE's Environmental Management program.
- (9) Members reviewed proposed plans which includes plans for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.
- (10) Members continued to monitor studies and activities related to DOE on the agency's proposed plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF). TDEC and DOE representatives attended an Oak Ridge City Council work session in May to provide a status report.
- (11) Members monitored for news about DOE's 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.
- (12) Members participated in meetings and planning for the proposed Oak Ridge Airport to be located at the East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (13) 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, with a new date to be determined.
- (14) 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:
Budget 101 (ECA/ECOS) – April 6; DOE Order 435.1 Overview (DOE) – April 13
EM Strategic Vision Briefing (DOE) – May 6
Introduction to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Process at DOE Sites (STGWG) – June 8

- (15) 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.

- (16) Members participated emergency response planning activities related to the Oak Ridge Reservation, including work toward updating disaster recovery plans and annual emergency response exercise.