

# CITY OF DRAKESBORO

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July 25, 2022

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)  
Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Drakesboro, Kentucky Grant Application  
Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program

To Whom it May Concern,

We are pleased to present our application for financial assistance for our Natural Gas Distribution System. I am the mayor of Drakesboro, Kentucky, a small town in Western Kentucky. Our natural gas system is aging and is need of many repairs and upgrades to address excessive loss of product and to assure safe operations today and in the future.

This application is in response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

Drakesboro, Kentucky is a home rule-class city with a Mayor and City Council responsible for the operations as the presiding governmental body. The City was incorporated in 1888 and the population was 515 as of the 2010 census.

We own and operate water, sewer and natural gas utilities for our community and a portion of outlying Muhlenberg County. We have our own employees for the operations and utilize contract assistance for any operations exceeding our capacity.

We have worked with various funding agencies for projects over the years and have utilized the assistance of our engineers and the Pennyryle Area Development District (PADD). This project is partially funded through the Kentucky Community Block Grant program and we are contracted with PADD for grant administration.

*Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider*

and his assistant will be:

Sandy Goff  
City Clerk  
12 West Mose Rager Boulevard  
drakesboroclerk@gmail.com  
270-476-8986

The Authorized Representative(s) who will accept the awarded grant document is Mayor Mike Jones and the individual responsible for the submission of required Federal financial reports and progress reports is Sandy Goff, City Clerk.

Please review our application package submitted online for this much needed gas system restoration project. We appreciate the availability of the grant program and our opportunity to apply for the financial assistance. If you have any questions regarding the above or any application submittal or attachment, please contact us for clarification.

Sincerely,

~~Mayor of Drakesboro, KY~~

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Jones".

Mayor Mike Jones

## **Applicant Eligibility**

This project and applicant are eligible for the FY 2022 NGDISM Grant Program because the City of Drakesboro's gas system is a community-owned utility operating a natural gas distribution system.

## The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

### Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances

The City of Drakesboro, Kentucky (herein referred to as the “Recipient”), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through the **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration** (PHMSA), is subject to, and will comply with, the following:

#### Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled *Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation—Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964*);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the “Acts” and “Regulations,” respectively.

#### General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

*“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity,” for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**.*

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

### **Specific Assurances**

More specifically, and without limiting the above General Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federally assisted

#### ***PHMSA Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) Grant:***

1. The Recipient agrees that each “activity,” “facility,” or “program,” as defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an “activity”) facilitated or will be (with regard to a “facility”) operated, or will be (with regard to a “program”) conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.
2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all (***PHMSA NGDISM Grant***) and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

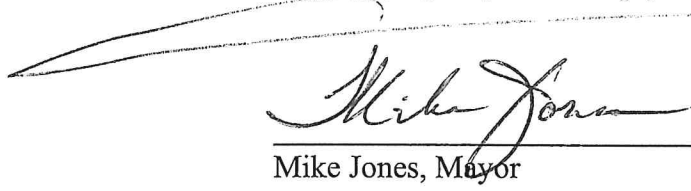
*“The City of Drakesboro, Kentucky, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that with respect to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”*

3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.
4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
  - a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
  - b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.



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In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, any funds must be distributed equitably under this grant by the City. Equity means the consistent and systematically fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. Applicants must include a statement certifying they will comply with EO 13985.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Jones", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Jones, Mayor

7/21/2022

Date



# Project Summary Report

**KY202206230886**

**Title:** Drakesboro Natural Gas System Rehabilitation and Safety Project

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Tara Hackney <thackney@mselex.com>

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Chris,

I'm working with Sandy Goff with the City of Drakesboro to assist them to register for grants.gov and assign a role to me. She's able to log-in but it's not showing her the same options as I see on my screen to where she can assign me a role. Do you know what we're doing wrong and could help or know what we're doing wrong? We have a grant deadline date of July 25 to apply for a Natural Gas grant.

Thanks so much for your assistance.

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Miller, Chris C (Pennyrile ADD) <chrisc.miller@ky.gov>

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## RE: City of Drakesboro

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Tara,

A lot of the times the problem is where the people log in. She might have to login using the "Login as EBiz POC" link rather than the "LOGIN.GOV" link. I also see Mayor Mike Jones under Drakesboro's POC. So, she might have to use his login in order to assign roles.

Hope that helps!

### Chris Miller

GIS/Community Development Specialist  
Pennyrile Area Development District  
300 Hammond Drive  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240  
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**From:** Tara Hackney <thackney@mselex.com>  
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**Cc:** drakesboro@comcast.net; staylor@mselex.com  
**Subject:** City of Drakesboro

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## phmsa Grant

To staylor@mselex.com <staylor@mselex.com>

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Scott,  
I'm attaching a phms grant given to us by Melissa Holbrook. Is there any way that we can use this to take care of phase 1 instead of RD?

If we cant use those funds for matching we would like to get with you and talk about other projects to get the phms grant.

Sandy Goff,

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## New Grants.gov Applicant Tara L Hackney may need roles - Action may be Required

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The following person added himself/herself to your Organization in Grants.gov.

Name: Tara L Hackney  
Username: thackney  
Job Title: Grant Writer  
Email: [thackney@mselex.com](mailto:thackney@mselex.com)  
Primary Phone Number: 859.223.5694  
UEI: M7TLKF5PLYV1

Various features in Grants.gov require authorization, such as submitting grant applications, managing Workspaces, etc. To provide this authorization, you can assign this person one or more roles by logging in to Grants.gov and selecting Manage Applicants.

Applicant Login: <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/login.faces?cleanSession=1>  
EBiz POC Login: <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/login.faces?cleanSession=1&forEbizPoc=true>

Please Note: If you determine this person does not require additional authorization, do not assign any roles. If needed, you can also delete this user from your organization.

If you have questions regarding Grants.gov roles, information is available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview/workspace-roles.html>

Thank you.

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If you have questions please contact the Grants.gov Contact Center:

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