

## **2002 Annual Report Executive Summary**

### **City of Bowling Green Enterprise Community**

The Bowling Green Enterprise Community conducted two public forums in February, 2002. The meetings produced good discussions and several amendment changes. The BGEC continues to offer the Youth Development and Child Care Assistance. The Youth Development program assisted 94 individuals during the calendar year with a variety of activities, including sports registration fees, enrichment programs, school field trips and many more. The Child Care program funded 11 applications for temporary assistance with child care. The Indigent Drug Program, which was implemented in early 2001, assisted 33 individuals with prescription drug costs. This program is administered through the Bowling Green Warren County Primary Care Center and is used as a supplement to the drug program offered by the pharmaceutical companies. The set-aside for school assistance was also continued. This money is given to all the schools serving the students of the EC, to be used for emergency needs of the school children. The program is administered through the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers at the schools. Three high school seniors were awarded \$500 scholarships for their first year at a post secondary institution. All three students are attending Western Kentucky University. The EC partnered with WKU and the Rural Health Department to sponsor a free dental screening and cleaning for residents of the EC. A third round of NOFA's was sent out in May. Twenty three grant applications were submitted and 22 were funded for a total of \$178,720.00. The applications covered eleven different benchmarks. A transportation grant was awarded to provide free vouchers to social service agencies for their clients to utilize the local public transportation system. Another transportation grant was awarded to the Housing Authority to cover the costs of transporting children from the schools to the after school program at the Learning Center. Education Grants were issued for a computer lab at one of the EC elementary schools, partial funding for a Family Literacy program, funding a new program at the Boys & Girls Club and funding a certified teacher to tutor children at an after school program. Equal Opportunity Grants were funded for a training reimbursement program for individuals with disabilities, hosting a baby fair, funding a literacy program for Hispanics and for a training program for micro-enterprise development. Youth Development grants were awarded for a youth leadership training program, to implement a Junior Staff Career Development Program and assistance for youth care for nighttime educational programs. Affordable Child Care grants were issued for expansion of child care services for fall/spring breaks and child care for children of parents attending classes. A Public Safety grant was awarded to continue the overtime patrol and neighborhood group development in the EC. Neighborhood Clean-up funded the development of a Master Plan for the revitalization of an historic African-American neighborhood. A Public Facilities grant was awarded to replace a substandard playground at an EC elementary school. The playground is used as a neighborhood park. Housing Grants were awarded to assist the local homeless shelter and funded an emergency rent assistance program for EC residents with disabilities. A Health Care Grant was awarded for the Girls, Inc. to implement a "Healthy Bones" program. A Create Quality Jobs grant was awarded for the implementation of a program to assist residents with business plan development for micro businesses.