

# Impact100 announces record-breaking grant total

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Impact100 Owensboro announced Tuesday afternoon, during a kickoff celebration at Old National Bank, that it will be granting a record \$332,500 to nonprofits in 2025 to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Impact100 will award three \$100,000 transformational grants and a \$32,500 impactful grant to area nonprofits. It's the first time the organization has awarded three transformational grants.

"We have an extra \$100K that's coming from our investment dividends, that we're taking off the top of that," said Beth Clements, Impact100 president. "It's taken years for that to grow, so we thought for our 20th anniversary, this was the time to do it. We're a non-profit, so we don't want to make a profit. When we saw that we had all of these dividend dollars, we thought we really need



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**Beth Clements, president, announces that Impact 100 will be granting a record of \$332,500 in October as they celebrate their 20th anniversary as a local chapter during a kickoff celebration on Tuesday, April 22, at Old National Bank.**

to use those, so we had enough to make another grant.

"It's significant, because we'll give away for the first time three \$100,000 grants."

Clements said the additional funding is confir-

mation of the nonprofit's success over two decades, with it currently having 271 members from Daviess, McLean, Henderson and Ohio counties.

"I hope that we're on an upward trajectory," she

said. "I hope that more women learn about our mission and more women get involved, because honestly, the more women we have, the more money we give away. Every dollar in is a dollar out. We always

say if more women could get involved every year, we could give away three, hopefully four grants.

"We don't anticipate being able to do (the dividend grant) again for another 15 years, because your money doesn't grow that much, depending on the market."

Since its inception, Impact 100 has given grants totaling \$4.32 million to local nonprofits.

"We've helped over 40 different nonprofits in the area, and some of those nonprofits would never have gotten off the ground if we hadn't been able to give them \$100,000 to start," Clements said. "So we've seen a huge growth in some of those smaller nonprofits, and the people that they serve.

"We're just grateful that women continue to join so that we can continue to help the community as much as possible."

Impact100 Next Generation, which has 52 mem-

bers, will award a \$5,200 grant. It's a philanthropy organization for teenage girls that is associated with Impact100 Owensboro. Since its establishment in 2017, it has awarded \$71,400 in grants.

"The young members of NextGen learn and develop a sense of pride in their community and confidence in the power they hold to make an impact for the better in that community," said Sydney Warren, NextGen chairwoman. "NextGen committee members and I are grateful for the opportunity to offer support and guidance to them along that journey.

"They each make a meaningful contribution to the grant and will have a voice in the determination of where that gift will be awarded."

The online application to apply for an Impact100 grant opens Wednesday, April 30 and will close June 4. All local nonprofits are encouraged to apply.

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time to stop at one of my favorite restaurants and have lunch.

When I entered the restaurant, the host seated me at my favorite table. I've been to this restaurant often, so they knew me.

My waitress came, introduced herself, and handed me the menu.

Being such a faithful customer I really did not need a menu because I knew what I wanted. I cheerfully gave the waitress my order and then she brought me some coffee as I waited for my order.

I sipped my coffee rather cheerfully and was finally happy that things were going my way. What a day it had been, but now, things will start going my way at my favorite

restaurant.

I don't always experience this, but today, I'm going to celebrate that it is finally happening to me.

I was sitting there drinking my coffee and anticipating my cheeseburger and fries lunch when the waitress came and put a plate on my table in front of me.

When I saw that plate, I gasped in horror. I've never seen such a terrible plate of food in my life.

How can my day get any worse?

In the center of that plate before me was some of the worst vegetables I've ever seen — broccoli. The fact that this waitress brought me a plate with broccoli made me realize my day was not improving yet.

While I was gasping, the waitress turned around, started gasping, and said, "Oh, I'm sorry. That's not your plate; that's for the table on the other side of

you."

Finally, my real plate came, and as I ate, I thought of what a snarky day this has been. What is going to happen between now and when I get home?

Where are my Apple Fritters when I need them?

As I was driving home I was reminded of a verse of Scripture. "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly" (Proverbs 14:29).

One of the great challenges for me is patience. I can be patient when everything is going my way, but that is not patience. I need to practice the "slow to wrath" part of my life.

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### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

#### RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.

## Con-GRAD-ulations!

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