

2017 Innovative Nonprofit Award

The *Innovative Nonprofit Award* was created by Kentucky Nonprofit Network to recognize a nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth implementing inventive, nontraditional programs or methods that effectively meet community needs. The award recipient is required to demonstrate creativity and vision in finding unique solutions to community issues.



Since 1966, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission of Covington has worked with hard-working families, offering them the resources, knowledge, and skills they need to realize their full potential. Although they offer immediate relief in times of need, their focus is on restoring families to self-reliance so families can retake control of their lives.

NKCAC's Lincoln Grant Scholar House is a program striving to break the cycle of generational poverty by providing affordable, safe housing and comprehensive support services for low-income single mothers, fathers and grandparents enrolled in postsecondary education. The Lincoln Grant Scholar House is located in Covington's former public school for African American students which closed after desegregation in 1965. Despite multiple uses for the building over the years, it sat vacant and deteriorating. The transformed building, which is now listed on the National Register for Historic Places and is designed as an African American Heritage site, serves as the community catalyst for transforming lives. This innovation and progressive activism have earned NKCAC the 2017 Innovative Nonprofit Award.



Past
Innovative Nonprofit Award
Recipients



Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning, Lexington - 2016

Foodchain, Lexington - 2015

Life Learning Center, Covington - 2014

GreenHouse17, Lexington - 2013

Blue Grass Community Foundation, Lexington - 2012

Heartland CARES, Paducah - 2011

Bluegrass Greensource, Lexington - 2010

Friend for Life Cancer Support Network, Louisville - 2009

**Mountain Association for Community Economic
Development, Berea - 2008**

**Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership at the
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, Lexington - 2007**

Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Louisville - 2006

Community Housing, Inc., Winchester - 2005