

COMMUNITY

Morehead-Rowan County 911 Center Now Accepts Text-to-911 Messages

The Morehead-Rowan County 911 Center is proud to announce it has joined the growing number of agencies in Kentucky to implement Text-to-911 services, enabling residents to send emergency text messages directly to 9-1-1 dispatchers.

What Text-to-911 Means for You

Text-to-911 provides a vital lifeline if you're:

- Deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired
- In a threatening situation where speaking could increase risk
- Unable to make a voice call
- In an area with poor cellular reception where text may go through when voice cannot

This service is an alternative, not a replacement, to calling 911. Voice calls remain the fastest and most effective way to communicate in emergencies.

How It Works in Rowan County

1. Open your phone's built-in text messaging app (SMS only – not third-party apps)
2. In the "To" field, enter 911
3. Provide:
  - Your exact location (address or landmark)
  - Type of emergency (e.g., "house fire," "medical emergency," "intruder")
4. Send the text
5. Expect a reply within approximately 20 to 60 seconds. Continue answering dispatcher questions and follow instructions

Important Guidelines

- Use plain language—no abbreviations, slang, or emojis
- Do not send photos, videos, or attachments, this capability is not supported
- Only one-on-one communication with 911. Do not CC or copy others

If Text-to-911 is unavailable due to carrier or location issues, you'll receive an auto-reply indicating failure. In that case, make a voice call or use relay services if applicable.

Why Text-to-911 Matters

- Empowers individuals with hearing or speech disabilities
- Enhances safety when a silent response is critical (e.g., domestic violence, active threats)

Provides backup communication during poor voice call conditions

- Keeps pace with federally supported modernization of emergency services—approximately 57% of U.S. PSAPs now support Text-to-911

Get Educated, Stay Prepared

This new capability is part of ongoing enhancements to regional 911 services. Just like Enhanced 911 (E911) automatically provides caller phone number and location information, Text-to-911 is a natural next step in improving public safety communications.

About Morehead-Rowan County 911 Dispatch

The Morehead-Rowan County 911 Dispatch serves as the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Morehead, Rowan County, and surrounding communities. Skilled dispatchers coordinate emergency responses across law enforcement, fire, and EMS; 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Text-to-911 is now available, just another way we're working to keep our community safe and connected. For the latest updates, visit [www.morehead-ky.gov](http://www.morehead-ky.gov) or follow us on social media.

5th Annual PIGEON FORGE CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

LOCATED AT 114 CROUCH ROAD, OWINGSVILLE, KY 40360

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
CITY OF MOREHEAD  
MOREHEAD RODBURN HOLLOW HOUSING PROJECT

To all interested citizens of Morehead, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) is accepting application material under the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Housing Program. Morehead intends to apply for assistance to complete the Morehead Rodburn Hollow Housing Project. The City of Morehead is partnering with Frontier Housing, Inc. to construct low to moderate income persons housing on lots located in the Rodburn Hollow area. Morehead will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Morehead City Hall located at 314 Bridge Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351. This hearing is a follow-up to the original CDBG Public Hearing which took place on May 29, 2025. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals. The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at Morehead City Hall at 314 Bridge Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 during regular business hours:

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.

B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.

C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.

D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.

E. A summary of other important program requirements.

COMMENTS ON APPLICATION

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at Morehead City Hall at 314 Bridge Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from Friday, July 11, 2025, through Thursday, July 24, 2025. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Mayor Laura White-Brown until the close of business on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

The City of Morehead does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion or disability. The City of Morehead provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance or services for non-English speaking residents should contact Benjamin Hamm at 606.780.0090 or email [benjamin.hamm@ky.gov](mailto:benjamin.hamm@ky.gov) at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1/800-648-6057. Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Contacts Department for the Blind: 1/877/KYBLIND <https://kcc.ky.gov/Office-for-the-Blind/Pages/default.aspx>

American Printing House: 1/800/223-1839 [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 1/800/372-2907 [www.kcdhh.org](http://www.kcdhh.org)

For Interpreter Directory: [http://oop.ky.gov/Public\\_Dir.aspx](http://oop.ky.gov/Public_Dir.aspx)

State Relay TDD Number: 1/800/648-6057

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Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Child Find  
The Rowan County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Rowan County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Rowan County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request 7 years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Rowan County Schools District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 150%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Rowan County Schools has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Rowan County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Rowan County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Rowan County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Rowan County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606 784 8928 or send the information to:

Director of Special Education  
Rowan County Schools  
551 Viking Drive  
Morehead, KY 40351

Section 504 Coordinator  
Rowan County Schools  
551 Viking Drive  
Morehead, KY 40351

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Rowan County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 606.784.8928 or send the information to:

Director of Special Education  
Rowan County Schools  
551 Viking Drive  
Morhead, KY 40351

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Rowan County Schools will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Director of Pupil Personnel  
Rowan County Schools  
551 Viking Drive  
Morehead, KY  
Ph. 606.784.8928

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Rowan County Schools provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for the Rowan County Schools.

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