



**Kentucky Association of Counties**

**2022 County  
Legislative Agenda**

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## 2022 Priorities and Positions



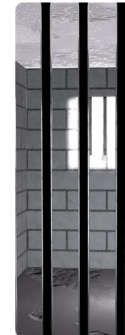
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Prioritize telling the county story to policymakers, including the constitutionally-required duties counties must perform on behalf of the Commonwealth.



### Educate and Inform: ARPA

Ensure that policymakers understand the implications and limitations on ARPA funding flowing to counties.



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Pursue fulfillment of the \$6 million appropriated for FY2021 and \$5.9 million for FY2022 to defray COVID-19 related expenditures for county jails.



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Advocate for increased funding for county roads and bridges, including an increase in the gas tax.



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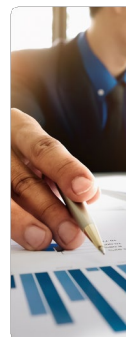
### Revenue: County Options

Pursue options to improve county revenue flexibility and diversification.



### Budgets and Funding

Actively oppose any unfunded mandates passed from the state to counties.



### County Audits

Work to maintain transparency and increase efficiency while reducing costs of required county audits, including expansion of competitive, market-based solutions.



### Criminal Justice: Video Arraignment

Support efforts to find technologically-driven solutions to reduce costs and risks for county-administered criminal justice operations, including video arraignment.



### Criminal Justice: Reform

Collaborate with officials to develop criminal justice reforms that improve outcomes for inmates, reduce recidivism and reduce costs including substance abuse and mental health treatment options.



### Criminal Justice: Court Security Officers

Advocate for an increase in the hourly rate reimbursement for Court Security Officers, currently at \$9 an hour.

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