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Southeast Kentucky African American Museum and Cultural Center seeking public input.

The Southeast Kentucky African American Museum and Cultural Center (SEKYAAMCC) located in Hazard, KY is currently engaged in an organizational strategic planning process and feasibility study for the museum and cultural center. The SEKYAAMCC is inviting the public to participate in an online survey designed to capture community members' thoughts about the direction, programmatic priorities, and desired impacts of the SEKYAAMCC.

The purpose of the SEKYAAMCC is to explore, recover, and preserve the rich history and culture of African Americans in southeast Kentucky and recognizes that this history belongs to the people and should be told by the people. However, the history of African Americans in southeast Kentucky has been mostly left untold to the masses. The SEKYAAMCC aims to share stories through the display of artifacts, exhibits, and special presentations while also offering workshops and discussions that explore the diversity that has long contributed to the uniqueness of central Appalachia. "It is important that we hear from the heart of the community about our work and vision, and I think the survey will help provide valuable input into our programs and exhibit development. We are here to serve the communities in Southeast Kentucky" shared Emily Hudson, Executive Director of the SEKYAAMCC.

The SEKYAAMCC has partnered with the Brushy Fork Leadership Institute at Berea College and the University of Kentucky's Community and Economic Development initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) to support their planning processes. This process will take place over the coming months but the community is invited to help shape the plan now by sharing insights about museum preferences, interests in visiting museums and cultural centers, opinions about the importance of sharing Appalachian experiences, and museum programming priorities.

An online survey used to capture the public's thoughts is open until April 1st 2022. The SEKYAAMCC community stakeholder survey can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/SEKYAAMCC> or you may also pick up a paper version of the survey to complete by hand at the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky office located at 420 Main St, Hazard, KY 41701. The survey is estimated to take approximately 10 minutes and your responses will be a valuable contribution to the SEKYAAMCC's planning process.

For questions please contact: Executive Director, Emily Hudson, by email: mail@sekyeamcc.org or phone (606) 233-1828

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