



MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

SECOND ANNUAL ECONOMIC PLAN

for the 2022-2023 Economic Planning Period

WHEREAS the Economic Planning and Organization Act of 2021 directs the Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs to compile, publish, and oversee the implementation of annual economic plans, thereby planning the direction and overseeing the development of the New Richmonder state microsocialist economy under the directive of the Central People's Government and in accordance with the ideological guidance of the Blair Mountain League;

AND WHEREAS the Minister for Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs has compiled this annual economic plan under the regulations and principles of the microsocialist system;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs, in accordance with the power vested in it by law, that this Annual Economic Plan shall take effect from the time of its enactment for a period of one year unless otherwise directed by that Ministry or another relevant authority.

DONE AT Fesperman Hall in Fayette Commune, the Canton of Campestria, on the fifth day of December in the year of the Revolution the Second, Two-thousand and Twenty-two in the Common Era.

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Christopher L. Faine

Prime Minister

Brooklyn J. Hewitt

Minister for Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs

The National Development Fund

In the 2021-2022 economic planning period, the National Development Fund (NDF) saw an intake of 425.00 United States Dollars (USD) of which every dollar was spent. Of that money, 154.00 USD was spent by the Central People's Government to undertake the initiatives of the first plan and 271.00 USD was returned to the citizenry in the form of Hardship Relief Grants (HRGs). Though sufficient funds were raised to ensure the operation of the Central People's Government and the dissemination of HRGs, the Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs ultimately fell short of its annual fundraising goal of 1,000.00 USD by 57.5 percent.

Taking into account the experience gained from the 2021-2022 period, **the Ministry hereby sets the fundraising goal for the 2022-2023 economic planning period at 600.00 USD**, or roughly 41.67 USD per month. The Ministry will continue to prioritize voluntary donations from the citizenry; however, the Ministry is currently drafting a bill for presentation at the First Ordinary Session of the Fourth Congress of People's Councils in February 2023 (2RY) to **mandate a system of quarterly taxes** from the citizenry, with citizens who are party members receiving a higher rate of tax than citizens who are not active in governance. Of the money raised, 154.00 USD will be set aside to the CPG Press Bureau to pay for the Republic's annual Weebly membership and to renew ownership of the newrichmondrepublic.org domain name; the remaining money will be used for the furtherance of other government projects and to ensure ample funds for HRGs.

Incorporating New State Workers' Cooperatives

Effective from the publication of this Plan, **two existing New Richmonder businesses will be incorporated as State Workers' Cooperatives (SWCs).**

With the consent of its owner, the Kennedy Bourbon Bar – an historic whiskey bar located in Friedecksburg Borough, New Richmond City – will come under the management of the new **Joe Kennedy State Whiskey Bartenders' Cooperative** (Kennedy SWBC). Kennedy SWBC will be a primarily self-funded cooperative; however, the Ministry will allocate funds to the cooperative for the replacement of worn/damaged equipment where requested by the director. No money will be allocated to the cooperative for the sake of purchasing any spirit or other alcoholic beverage. The organization, structure, and governance of Kennedy SWBC shall be laid out in a cooperative charter which shall be proposed by the Ministry and approved by a vote of the workers of the cooperative in accordance with the Economic Planning and Development Act of 2021. W. R. "Joe" Kennedy, the founder and curator of the Bar, will serve as acting director of Kennedy SWBC until a permanent director can be duly elected in accordance with law.

With the consent of its owner, the small enterprise known as Kristie's Crafts which manufactures signage, home decor, and graphic t-shirts will come under the management of the new **Kristie's Crafts State Printers' Cooperative** (Kristie's Crafts SPC). Kristie's Crafts SPC will be a primarily self-funded cooperative; however, the Ministry will allocate funds to the cooperative for the replacement of worn/damaged equipment where requested by the director. The organization, structure, and governance of Kristie's Crafts SPC shall be laid out in a cooperative charter which shall be proposed by the Ministry and approved by a vote of the workers of the cooperative in accordance with the Economic Planning and Development Act of 2021. Kristie Kennedy will serve as acting director of Kristie's Crafts SPC until a permanent director can be duly elected in accordance with law.

Additional SWCs may be incorporated by the Ministry throughout the planning period as the need for incorporation may arise.

Testerman State Agricultural Cooperative

Regrettably, the greatest shortcoming in the execution of the First Annual Economic Plan was the lack of development of the Testerman State Agricultural Cooperative (Testerman SAC). Of the money raised in the first plan, none was directed to Testerman SAC as the plan called for: this is due to insufficient fundraising and the necessity for other initiatives to take precedence in the dissemination of NDF money. The only goal accomplished regarding Testerman SAC was the incorporation of existing gardens throughout the Republic as constituent farms of the cooperative; though all gardens saw a bountiful harvest in the past year, no growth was shown from what had been recorded in years prior.

In the 2022-2023 economic planning period, **the Ministry will direct money to municipal people's councils to fund the creation of indoor gardens across the Republic.** These gardens will be instructed to grow herbs, spices, houseplants, and any other useful or aesthetically pleasing plants which could reasonably be grown in small residential spaces. The Ministry will, at the request of the director, direct funds to existing gardens to help replace worn/damaged equipment and to purchase seeds and other supplies.

Dissemination of Funds

The Prime Minister may direct the **dissemination of NDF money to the other Ministries or government offices to fund any initiatives or projects** they may undertake. The Prime Minister has confirmed that the Central People's Government will aim to direct surplus NDF money to the various ministries to undertake certain secondary initiatives, namely:

- the Ministry of Culture and the Arts, to purchase a professional vocal recording of the National Anthem;
- the Ministry of Home Affairs, to purchase Mountain Standards for every municipality;
- the Ministry of State Security, to purchase uniform supplies for the Corps of Revolutionary Guards; and
- the Office of the People's Commissioner of the Republic, to commission the design, production, and delivery of medals and/or certificates for recipients of state awards.

Upon the request of the relevant cantonal governor or people's council, the Prime Minister may direct the **dissemination of NDF money to cantonal and municipal governments** as is needed for the replacement or renovation of damaged or outdated infrastructure, the undertaking of local government initiatives, et cetera.