



Report for the
**Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund
Oversight Committee**

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**Small Farm Grant Program and 4-H Ham House
Among Fourteen Agricultural Investments Approved**
More than \$2.1 million invested in Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds

PRINCETON, Ky. (Sept. 20, 2019) –The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,127,305 in 14 agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

State Investments:

Small Farm Grant Program

Kentucky State University was approved for up to \$990,000 in State funds over a two year period for personnel, demonstration projects and mini-grants to underserved, small and limited-resource farmers. For more information on this project, contact Dr. Kirk Pomper at (502) 597-5942 or kirk.pomper@kysu.edu.

County Investments:

4-H Ham House

Nicholas County Extension District Board was approved for up to \$3,000 in Nicholas County funds to build a ham house behind the Nicholas County Livestock Pavilion. For more information on this project, contact Lindsay Haynes at (859) 289-2312 or lindsay.haynes@uky.edu.

On-Farm Investments

The County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) offers 11 investment areas that give Kentucky agricultural producers the ability to increase net farm income, add value to their products and diversify their operation. CAIP benefits and enhances agriculture across the state by stimulating markets for Kentucky agricultural products. Six CAIPs were approved by the board totaling \$1,029,155 for Carter (\$140,990), Edmonson (\$90,000), Green (\$285,000), Menifee (\$98,208), Pendleton (\$164,957) and Woodford (\$250,000) counties.

In addition to these new approvals, an additional \$18,000 was approved to enhance an existing CAIP in Magoffin County.

Environmental Stewardship

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers. Two Deceased Farm Animal Removal Programs totaling \$11,750 were approved for Pendleton (\$4,250) and Russell (\$7,500) counties.

Shared-use Equipment Program

The Shared-use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis. Two Shared-use Equipment Programs totaling \$54,900 were approved for Fayette (\$45,000) and Jackson (\$9,900) counties.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program

The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (Youth) was developed to facilitate a growing need for a specialized program that would encourage youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities. One Youth Program was approved by the board totaling \$20,500 for Laurel County.

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Great strides continue being made toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing a portion of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement Funds into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

To date, Kentucky has invested more than \$605 million in an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. These funding approvals, made possible by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, represent just a few of the more than 6,100 projects approved, since the inception of the program in January 2001.

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KADF Programs

Approved at the September 2019 KADB Meeting

CAIP

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Menifee	Menifee County Beef Producers, Inc.	08/20/2019	\$ 98,208.00
Carter	Carter County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc.	08/27/2019	\$ 140,990.00
Green	Green County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	08/27/2019	\$ 285,000.00
Woodford	Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc.	08/29/2019	\$ 250,000.00
Pendleton	Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association,	08/29/2019	\$ 164,957.00
Edmonson	Edmonson Co Cattleman Association Inc.	08/29/2019	\$ 90,000.00
6			\$ 1,029,155.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Russell	Russell County Conservation District	08/08/2019	\$ 7,500.00
Pendleton	Pendleton County Conservation District	08/29/2019	\$ 4,250.00
2			\$ 11,750.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Fayette	Fayette County Conservation District	08/20/2019	\$ 45,000.00
Jackson	Jackson County Cattlemen's Association Incorporated	08/28/2019	\$ 9,900.00
2			\$ 54,900.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Laurel	Laurel County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	08/08/2019	\$ 20,500.00
1			\$ 20,500.00

Total County KADF Approved for Programs:	\$1,116,305.00
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Requested Program Amendments

App # A2019-0065
Applicant Name Magoffin County Agricultural Investment Program, Inc.
 Original Amount Approved \$98,444
 Execution Date 6/17/2019
 Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$18,000 in Magoffin County funds for the *CAIP Program*. The request received a high priority from the County Council.
 This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the original agreement.
 Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$116,444.
Recommend Approval

App# A2019-0170
Applicant Name Hancock County Conservation District
 Original Amount Approved \$111,083
 Execution Date Not yet executed
 Requested Change The applicant requests to increase their maximum producer limit amount from \$1,500 to \$2,000.
 This is the first request for an amendment to this application number. The term of the program shall remain 12-months from the execution date of the agreement.
 Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$111,083.
Recommend Approval

Approved Project

Nicholas County Extension District Board**A2019-0176***Application County: Nicholas**Date Submitted: 06/27/2019**Total Funds Awarded: \$3,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Nicholas County District Board is requesting \$3,000 in Nicholas County funds to build a 10' x 12' structure behind the Nicholas County Livestock Pavilion to serve as a ham house.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to construct a ham house for Nicholas County 4-H members. Nicholas County 4-H members have participated in ham project since 2009. Participants currently house their hams in Harrison County. This project would allow youth and adults to participate in the preservation and processing of country hams without having to travel to another county.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6,000 with the following funding sources:

\$3,000 Nicholas County funds (secured)

\$1,000 Kentucky 4-H Foundation Grant (secured)

\$1,000 Nicholas County Cooperative Extension (secured)

\$1,000 Nicholas County Farm Bureau (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that approximately 50 farm families will benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

The Nicholas County Extension District Board was approved for \$3,000 in Nicholas County funds to construct a 10' x 12' ham house for use by Nicholas County 4-H ham project participants.

Approved Project

Kentucky State University**A2019-0195***Application County: Franklin**Date Submitted: 07/23/2019**Total Funds Awarded: \$990,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Kentucky State University (KSU) is requesting \$990,000 in State funds over a two-year period for personnel, demonstration projects, and mini-grants to underserved, small and limited-resource farmers.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funds will be used to provide assistance and mini-grants to underserved and limited-resource farmers in the areas of agroforestry, aquaculture, value-added products, organics, food insecurity, and farmer educational support, and will fund demonstration projects in those areas.

The mini-grants will be capped at \$5,000 per individual and \$15,000 per organization. The goal of the project is to increase production diversification and improve profitability of tobacco-dependent small farms and limited-resource farmers.

The project will continue to build on current programs within KSU addressing Organics, Value-Added Products, Aquaculture, Food Insecurity and Farmer Educational Support. In addition, a new category relating to Agroforestry will be introduced. Producers who are interested in better utilizing their forestlands are eligible to apply for a mini-grant to acquire equipment and non-disposable supplies and materials related to the production, harvesting/collection, processing, storage and packaging of non-timber forest products.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,980,000 over two years with the following funding sources:

\$990,000 KADF State funds

\$990,000 KSU (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

Based on data from the previously funded project, it is estimated that 120 farm families will benefit from this project in the first year.

Board Decision:

Kentucky State University (KSU) was approved for up to \$990,000 in State funds over a two-year period for personnel, demonstration projects, and mini-grants to underserved, small and limited-resource farmers.

Denied Project

Buffalo Skull Ranch, LLC**A2019-0180***Application County: Whitley**Date Submitted: 06/28/2019**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Buffalo Skull Ranch, LLC is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to build a greenhouse examining the effectiveness of various water management practices. This will be a Research, Development, and Demonstration project in Whitley County.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The project will examine the effectiveness of multiple water sourcing techniques with an end goal of reducing dependence on municipal water supply. The applicant intends to harvest, store and treat rainwater collected from the roof of the headhouse, greenhouses and preexisting barns to use for irrigation. In addition, rolling ebb and flow benches will be used to water and fertigate crops, using as much as 80% less water than traditional overhead irrigation. This project plans to demonstrate better water management practices and will promote the importance of water conservation and techniques for both the public and farmers.

The funds will be used to purchase and construct a full greenhouse system (1 headhouse and 2 greenhouses), including water harvesting, irrigation and monitoring equipment.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$863,891 with the following funding sources:

\$250,000 KADF State funds

\$613,891 Personal Funds (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that approximately 100 families will directly benefit from this project each year, ranging from employees of Buffalo Skull Ranch and Stream Restoration Specialists to families that will come visit the greenhouse for education opportunities.

Committee Recommendation:

On July 18, 2019, the On-Farm Water Management Committee recommended pending the request until applicant submits additional financial information and a Board decision is made regarding the project and the 2019 KADB/KAFC Hemp Policy.

On August 16, 2019, the KADB denied the Technical Advisory Group request for an exception to the 2019 KADB/KAFC Hemp Policy.

On-Farm Water Management Committee recommends denying the application based on the 2019 KADB/KAFC Hemp Policy.

Board Decision:

The Board denied this request based on the Committee's recommendation.

Warren Beeler 10/2/2019 - 11/6/2019

10/2/2019	Oversight	10:00 AM
	KFB Economic & Market Development Committee Meeting	10:00 AM
10/3/2019	Speak: Caneyville STEM Program	7:30 AM
	KSF Youth Livestock Show Committee Meeting	2:00 PM
	KCA Town Hall Meeting	5:30 PM
10/5/2019	Powell Co. Field Day	2:00 PM
10/7/2019	IJC Ag Meeting	10:00 AM
	Speak: Fleminc Co. Ag Day	1:00 PM
10/11/2019	KAFC	10:00AM
	Speak: Owen Co. Ag Diversification Tour	7:00 PM
10/12/2019	Grayson Co. Farm Festival	11:00 AM
10/14/2019	KDA Farmer Suicide Meeting	10:00 AM
10/15/2019	Fayette Co. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting	6:30 PM
10/17/2019	CAIP Evaluation Committee Meeting	9:00 AM
	KDA Recipient Review Committee Meeting	2:00 PM
	Grayson Co. Foundation Meeting	5:00 PM
10/18/2019	KADB	10:00 AM
10/22/2019	Speak: PADD Annual Meeting	6:00 PM
10/23/2019	KCARD Board Meeting	10:00 AM
10/24/2019	Global Program Management Meeting	2:00 PM
10/25/2019	Speak: Licking River Area District Homemakers Association	11:00 AM
10/26/2019	KY Sheep and Goat Conference	9:00 AM
10/29/2019	Speak: Boone Co. Extension	
10/31/2019	KAFC/Farm Credit Finance Meeting	10:00 AM
11/1/2019	KAFC/Farm Credit Marketing Meeting	10:00 AM
11/5-11/21/19	NAILE	
11/6/2019	Oversight	10:00 AM
	Speak: KY Agribusiness Summit	3:45 PM