



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

**November 20, 2020**

Meeting of the  
Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

## KADF Programs

*Approved at the November 2020 KADB Meeting*

### CAIP

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Ohio	Ohio County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	10/06/2020	\$ 107,496.00
Boone	Northern Kentucky Cattle Association, Inc.	10/19/2020	\$ 95,871.00
Todd	Todd County Conservation District	10/27/2020	\$ 235,000.00
3			<b>\$ 438,367.00</b>

### Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>		<u>Funds Approved</u>
Union	Union County Conservation District	10/05/2020		\$ 3,317.00
Union	Union County Conservation District	10/05/2020	State	\$ 22,183.00
Livingston	Livingston County Board of Education	10/26/2020		\$ 13,600.00
Livingston	Livingston County Board of Education	10/26/2020	State	\$ 12,575.00
Livingston	Livingston County Board of Education	10/26/2020	State	\$ 13,125.00
Bell	Bell County Conservation District	10/30/2020	State	\$ 2,326.00
Bell	Bell County Conservation District	10/30/2020	State	\$ 1,803.00
Bell	Bell County Conservation District	10/30/2020	State	\$ 8,179.00
Bell	Bell County Conservation District	10/30/2020	State	\$ 3,131.00
Bell	Bell County Conservation District	10/30/2020	State	\$ 11,813.00
Bell	Bell County Conservation District	10/30/2020	State	\$ 4,173.00
Johnson	Johnson County Conservation District	10/30/2020		\$ 550.00
9				<b>\$ 96,775.00</b>

### Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Ohio	Ohio County 4-H Council, Inc.	10/05/2020	\$ 10,000.00
Laurel	Laurel County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	10/16/2020	\$ 15,000.00
2			<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

**Total County\* KADF Approved for Programs: \$560,142.00**

**App #** **A2020-0030**  
**Applicant Name** **Lyon County Conservation District**  
Original Amount Approved \$31,000  
Execution Date 08/28/2020  
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$24,811 in Lyon 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 \$55,811.

**Recommend Approval**

**App#** **A2020-0136**  
**Applicant Name** **Garrard County Farm Bureau**  
Original Amount Approved \$215,000  
Execution Date 07/17/2020  
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$40,000 in Garrard 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 \$255,000

**Recommend Approval**

**App#** **A2020-0215**  
**Applicant Name** **Franklin County Cattlemen's Association**  
Amount Approved \$131,184  
Execution Date 11/12/2020  
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$54,000 in Franklin 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 \$185,184.

**Recommend Approval**

## Meat Processing: Level 2 Expansion Approved

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS APPROVED
A2020-0220	Owl Holl'er, LLC <i>Meat Processing Investment Program - Level 2</i>	Allen	\$37,500.00
Total State Funds Recommended for Approval:			<b>\$37,500.00</b>
# Awards: 1		# Counties: 1	

*\*The Meat Processing Investment Program provides funding to incentivies economical expansion of Kentucky meat processors to process Kentucky livestock and poultry.*

*Level 1 Incentives are for a USDA-inspected processing facilities or USDA-exempt poultry processing facilities needing assistance in operating costs related to increasing the number of head of Kentucky animals. Incentives are paid on a per head basis above the applicant's established baseline up to \$20,000.*

*Level 2 Simplified Processor Capacity Expansion is for processors interested in making small or modest facility improvements. Awards are 75% cost-reimbursement up to \$37,500.*

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**Approved Project**

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**Hancock County Cattleman's Association LTD.****A2020-0214***Application County: Hancock**Date Submitted: 08/25/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$5,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Hancock County Cattleman's Association LTD. is requesting \$5,000 in Hancock County funds for a Hancock County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant plans to implement a cost-share program on a reimbursement basis for agricultural projects for Hancock County youth. Youth will submit their applications along with a farm business plan and marketing plan describing how purchased items and supplies will be utilized in their projects. This will be a 50 percent cost share reimbursement, with the maximum being \$700 if \$1,400 or more is spent.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$5,000 Hancock County funds (secured)

\$5,000 Applicant funds (secured)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant indicates 12 Hancock County youth will directly benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

Hancock County Cattleman's Association LTD was approved for \$5,000 in Hancock County funds for a Hancock County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program.

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**Approved Project**

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**Menifee County Board of Education****A2020-0228***Application County: Menifee**Date Submitted: 09/01/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$10,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Menifee County Board of Education is requesting \$10,000 in Menifee County funds to purchase a CNC digital plasma cutter system and to update existing agricultural mechanics equipment.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant intends to purchase one CNC digital plasma cutter system and to update existing equipment. The equipment will be located in the agricultural mechanics laboratory at Menifee County High School. The equipment will give students the ability to create, build, and repair additional items or structures to sell to the public to purchase.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$10,000 Menifee County funds (high priority)

\$10,000 Kentucky FFA Foundation (secure)

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states 120 students would be impacted from this project.

***Board Decision:***

Menifee County Board of Education was approved for \$10,000 in Menifee County funds to purchase a CNC digital plasma cutter system, and to update existing agricultural mechanics equipment.

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**Approved Project**

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**Green River Beekeepers, Inc.****A2020-0243***Application County: Taylor**Date Submitted: 09/16/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$960***FUNDING REQUEST**

Green River Beekeepers, Inc. is requesting \$960 in Taylor County funds to purchase new honey extracting equipment.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant indicates that the current extracting equipment is over 15 years old and no longer safe to use. Purchasing the new honey extracting equipment would be safer and a great benefit to the members of the association.

The total cost of the project is \$1,919 with funding from the following sources:

\$959.66 Taylor County Funds (Secured)

\$959.66 Green River Beekeepers Association funds (Secured)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant indicates that 36 beekeepers members would directly benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

Green River Beekeepers Inc. was approved for \$960 in Taylor County funds to purchase new honey extracting equipment.

## Approved Project

Kentucky Department of Agriculture

A2020-0250

Application County: \_ALL

Date Submitted: 09/24/2020

Total Funds Awarded: \$2,624,895

## FUNDING REQUEST

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is requesting \$2,624,895 in State funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to fund the Kentucky Proud program.

## APPLICATION SUMMARY

Kentucky Proud is Kentucky's official agriculture marketing and promotional program that serves as the brand for Kentucky's agriculture products, and its membership spans the entire agriculture spectrum.

KDA proposes to fund and implement the following five projects in this 2-year proposal:

	Year 1	Year 2
Point of Purchase	\$410,000	\$395,000
Branding & Advertising	\$656,100	\$638,795
Buy Local	\$260,000	\$245,000
Farm to Fork	\$ 20,000	

Point of Purchase- Provides a match on eligible promotional expenses for advertising, marketing, and reaching consumers at the point of purchase.

Branding & Advertising- Provides funding to be used in event sponsorships where Kentucky Proud food and products can be promoted.

Buy Local- Provides a reimbursement incentive for food service providers that seek Kentucky Proud food products for their menus.

Farm to Fork- Provides funding to organizations to host family-style meals using fresh, local, Kentucky farm food.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6,816,561 with the following funding sources:

\$ 805,000 Point of Purchase recipients

\$3,366,666 Buy Local recipients

\$ 20,000 Farm to Fork cost-share

\$2,624,895 KADF State funds

## PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that over 9,700 farms and agribusinesses are directly benefiting from their membership in Kentucky Proud.

**Board Decision:**

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) was approved for \$2,624,895 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to fund the Kentucky Proud program.



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**Approved Project**

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**Campbellsville Independent Schools Board of Education****A2020-0252***Application County: Taylor**Date Submitted: 09/16/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$15,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Campbellsville Independent Schools Board of Education is requesting \$15,000 in Taylor County funds for a high school greenhouse.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant indicated Campbellsville Independent High School just started an Agricultural Program . Currently, animal science and horticultural pathways are offered to the students . Purchasing a greenhouse will allow the students to learn hands on as well as gain real world experience.

The total cost of the project is \$75,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$39,000 Campbellsville Independent Board of Education (Secured)

\$15,000 Taylor County funds (Secured)

\$15,000 Taylor County Farm Bureau (Secured)

\$ 5,000 Rising Sun Grant FFA (Secured)

\$ 1,000 Better Days through Better Way Grant FFA (Secured)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant indicates 120 students will benefit directly from this project in the agriculture education program.

***Board Decision:***

Campbellsville Independent Schools Board of Education was approved for \$15,000 in Taylor County funds for a high school greenhouse.

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**Approved Project**

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**Pennyrile Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.****A2020-0253***Application County: Christian**Date Submitted: 09/24/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$2,500***Funding Request:**

Pennyrile Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. is requesting \$2,500 in Christian County for a community garden.

**Application Summary:**

The applicant indicates the community garden will be used as an educational tool to bridge the gap between consumers and producers. The applicant plans to expand the current community garden 0.5 acre to one acre. The garden will provide the citizens of Hopkins/Christian County with fresh vegetables, particularly low income residents.

The total cost of the project is \$5,000 from the following sources:

\$2,500 Christian County funds (Secured)

\$1,600 Christian County Jail (Secured)

\$ 300 Pennyrile RC&D Area Council, Inc. (Secured)

\$ 300 Christian Master Garden (Pending)

\$ 300 Jeffers Bend Steering Committee (Secured)

**Projected Producer Impact:**

The applicant indicates that eight surrounding counties will directly benefit from the community garden.

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***Board Decision:***

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The Pennyrile Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc. was approved for \$2,500 in Christian County funds to help fund a community garden.

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**Approved Project**

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**Kentucky Beef Network, LLC****A2020-0256***Application County: Fayette**Date Submitted: 09/25/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$1,445,400***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Kentucky Beef Network, LLC (KBN) is requesting \$1,445,400 in State funds for calendar years 2021 (\$741,000) and 2022 (\$704,400) to continue to provide programs to cattle producers that will enhance their net income.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

KBN will implement production and marketing programs for producers while focusing on profitability and farm business management.

In addition to the KBN (\$829,000) and UK personnel(\$320,400) and operating costs over this 2-year project, the following programs/events will be offered by the applicant:

- \$ 50,500 Post Weaning Value Added Program
- \$ 48,500 Value Chain Market Access
- \$ 43,000 Innovative Facilities for Growing and Finishing Cattle
- \$ 35,000 Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF)
- \$ 7,000 Cattlemen Connection (2021 Program Only)
- \$ 30,000 KBN Program Branding
- \$ 8,000 Southeast Backgrounding Short Course (2022 Program Only)
- \$ 30,000 Master Finisher (New Program)
- \$ 7,000 Backgrounding Conference (New Program)
- \$ 6,000 Beef Business Development for Young/New Producers (New Program)
- \$ 2,500 Master Cattlemen (2021 Program Only)
- \$ 8,000 Applied Master Cattlemen
- \$ 20,500 Master Grazer

The total cost of the 2-year project is estimated at \$2,585,400 with the following funding sources:

\$1,140,000 Matching funds (see attachment)

\$1,445,400 KADF State funds

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that all cattle producers in Kentucky could benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

The Kentucky Beef Network (KBN) was approved for \$1,445,400 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to continue to provide programs that enhance net farm income for cattle producers.

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**Approved Project**


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**Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc.****A2020-0257***Application County: Fayette**Date Submitted: 09/25/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$1,594,123***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc. (KDDC) is requesting \$1,594,123 in State funds for calendar years 2021-2022 to continue educating, representing, and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and the dairy industry as a whole.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The KDDC has four dairy consultants strategically located to work directly with dairy farmers across the state. These consultants administer the programs established by the KDDC and act as facilitators for the producers. Programs and activities administered by KDDC include: MILK, Young Dairy Producer Initiative, KDDC Milk Matters Newsletter, Milk Counts Program, KY Dairy Compliance Program and KBC Dairy Care Program.

The MILK program has been modified to meet the needs of a changing dairy industry. MILK 2.0 will help to incentivizing dairy farmers to prioritize management decision to improve profitability in their operations. These programs will increase the sustainability of Kentucky dairy industry. MILK 2.0 has five areas: genomics, reproduction incentives, somatic cell count, new program education and development, financial analysis program.

- For the genomic part of the program, KDDC will provide a financial incentive for half the cost up to \$20 per test. Kentucky dairy farmers will use DHIA records and genomic testing to identify cows to breed for dairy replacements and which cows to breed to beef sire. Budget for this program is \$150,000 per year.
- The reproduction incentives part of the program will measure the rate of the herd reproductive performance, this is called the 21 Day Pregnancy Rate. KDDC will use DHIA records to collect the data and see if a 2-point improvement has been achieved. If the farmers have made the 2-point improvement, then they will be eligible for a financial incentive on a prorated basis from a budget for this program at \$100,000 per year.
- For the somatic cell count (SCC) part of this program KDDC will utilize DHIA record keeping. A baseline will be established using previous years DHIA SCC average and a new average will be calculated at the end of the year. A decrease in the average will trigger the incentive reward out of the \$100,000. This will be prorated among the herds that achieved their goals.
- The new program education and development funds will go towards helping KDDC to educate dairy producers on the new programs being offered. The delivery of these new programs will require additional meetings, presentations and face-to-face interactions with dairy farmers. The plan is to create information materials that can be presented to every dairy farmer, explaining the new programs. There will also be regional meetings scheduled to include industry speakers to focus on the education aspect of the new programs. The budget is \$50,000 per year.
- For the financial analysis program KDDC, is going to partner with Cornell and Rockingham to offer workshops to help farmers measure their potential success or failure. Enterprise analysis is important in finding potential financial bottlenecks in day-to-day operations. There are proven programs with established baselines to measure financial performance. The annual budget for this program is \$50,000.

The total cost of the two-year project, is estimated at \$1,709,263 with the following funding sources:

\$ 1,594,123 State funds  
 \$ 60,000 Membership Dues  
 \$ 17,000 Milk Matters  
 \$ 36,540 DCP- Section 319(h) NPS Grant  
 \$ 1,400 Interest  
 \$ 200 KY Kate

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that 450 dairy farm families will benefit from this program.

**Approved Project**

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***Board Decision:***

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council (KDDC) was approved for \$1,594,123 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to continue its mission of educating, representing and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and dairy industry as a whole.

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**Approved Project**

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**Hometown Butcher, Inc.****A2020-0258***Application County: Adair**Date Submitted: 09/25/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$250,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Hometown Butcher, Inc. is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to expand the processing facility and purchase additional processing equipment.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant plans to expand its building to increase the processing facility capacity, cooler size and to modify the kill floor. The applicant also plans to build new holding pens and purchase new saws and vacuum stuffer for the processing room. The applicant plans to convert the retail area and office to additional processing space and create a new retail store front.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$350,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$250,000 State funds (Unsecured)

\$100,000 First and Farmers Bank (Pending)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant estimates that more than 250 producers have the potential to benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

Hometown Butcher, located in Adair County, was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to expand its processing facility and purchase additional processing equipment.

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**Approved Project**

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**Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC****A2020-0259***Application County: Henry**Date Submitted: 09/25/2020**Total Funds Awarded: \$250,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC is requesting \$250,000 in State funds to expand the processing facility and purchase additional processing and packaging equipment.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant would like to expand its building by 900 square feet to add a second meat processing room. Currently, the applicant states the bottle neck is in the processing room. In order to address this issue, the applicant plans to expand their building to include a second processing room and to purchase the necessary processing and packaging equipment.

Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC (A2014-0010) received \$259,500 in State and multiple county funds in the form of a cost-reimbursement grant and \$198,394 in the form of a loan for building a facility that would be located in the Henry County Commerce Park in Campbellsburg and would offer custom meat processing services, USDA inspection to allow direct marketing, and retail sales in 2014. Total KADF funding Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC has received is \$457,894.

Trackside Butcher Shoppe, LLC (A2020-0091) received \$247,500 in State funds as a forgivable loan to obtain a GFSI audit and make facility improvements.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$356,850 with funding from the following sources:

\$250,000 State funds (Unsecured)

\$106,850 Farm Credit Mid-America (Pending)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant estimates that more than 250 producers have the potential to benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

Trackside Butcher Shoppe LLC, located in Henry County, was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to expand its processing facility to include a second meat processing room with the necessary processing and packaging equipment.



**Governor Andy Beshear's Office of Agricultural Policy**

**For Immediate Release**

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**Gov. Beshear and Kentucky Agricultural Development Board Approve  
Nearly \$7 Million for Projects Across Commonwealth**  
*Projects and programs approved span the diverse array of Kentucky agriculture*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 20, 2020)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$6,914,331 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

“In November, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved one of its largest totals in 2020: more than \$6.9 million,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “This robust funding will provide resources to thousands of agriculturalists and continue to support our vast agriculture industry, from beef and dairy production to beekeeping and community gardens and so much more.”

**State Investments:**

**Statewide Marketing and Promotion for Kentucky Agriculture**

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) was approved for \$2,624,895 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to fund the Kentucky Proud program. Kentucky Proud serves as Kentucky's official agriculture marketing and promotional program, and its membership spans the entire spectrum of agriculture in the commonwealth.

**Statewide Production and Marketing for Beef Producers**

The Kentucky Beef Network (KBN) was approved for \$1,445,400 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to continue to provide programs that enhance net farm income for cattle producers. The KBN provides a variety of programs for beef producers on topics such as grazing, backgrounding, finishing, business development and more.

**Education, Representation, and Promotion of Kentucky Dairy Producers**

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council (KDDC) was approved for \$1,594,123 in state funds for calendar years 2021 and 2022 to continue its mission of educating, representing and promoting Kentucky's dairy producers and dairy industry as a whole. The KDDC provides a number of programs for dairy producers to improve sustainability and profitability of the dairy industry in Kentucky.



### **Meat Processing Investment Program – Level 2**

Owl Holl'er LLC, located in Allen County, was approved for \$37,500 in state funds to purchase and install a freezer and cooler equipment, and to make improvements to its custom processing facility.

### **Meat Processing Investment Program – Level 3**

Hometown Butcher, located in Adair County, was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to expand its processing facility and purchase additional processing equipment.

Trackside Butcher Shoppe LLC, located in Henry County, was approved for \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to expand its processing facility to include a second meat processing room with the necessary processing and packaging equipment.

### **County Investments:**

#### **Bell County**

The Bell County Conservation District was approved for \$1,803 in Bell County and \$29,622 in state funds to administer five Shared-Use Equipment Programs. A crowding tub, hydraulic post driver, lime spreader, manure spreader and hydraulic posthole auger will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Charlotte Hatfield at [cihatfield64@gmail.com](mailto:cihatfield64@gmail.com) or 606-337-6320.

#### **Boone County**

Northern Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$95,871 in Boone County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$2,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Keith Rittinger at [keithrittinger@gmail.com](mailto:keithrittinger@gmail.com) or 859-743-7657.

#### **Christian County**

The Pennyryle Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc. was approved for \$2,500 in Christian County funds to help fund a community garden. This funding will allow for expansion of the current community garden, which provides citizens of Hopkins and Christian counties with fresh vegetables. For more information, contact Edward Turner at [turner1224@gmail.com](mailto:turner1224@gmail.com) or 270-885-5600.

"I am happy that the Pennyryle RC&D were approved for the funding to help with the community garden," said Rep. Myron Dossett (R-Pembroke). "This will allow citizens and their children access to nutritional fresh produce, which is vital to a healthy life."

#### **Franklin County**

Franklin County Cattlemen's Association was approved for an additional \$54,000 in Franklin County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000. For more information, contact Crystal Harrod at [fcfd103@gmail.com](mailto:fcfd103@gmail.com) or 502-352-2701.

#### **Garrard County**

Garrard County Farm Bureau was approved for an additional \$40,000 in Garrard County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$3,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Gilbert Edington at [gilbertedg58@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertedg58@gmail.com) or 859-339-3980.

#### **Hancock County**

Hancock County Cattleman's Association LTD was approved for \$5,000 in Hancock County funds for a Hancock County Youth Agriculture Production Cost-Share Program. Students can submit a business and marketing plan for their projects for the potential to receive 50 percent in cost-share reimbursement, up to \$700. For more information, contact Evan Tate at [evan.tate@uky.edu](mailto:evan.tate@uky.edu) or 270-668-3167.

"As a member of the Tobacco Settlement Committee, I am supportive of Hancock County receiving this money and look forward to seeing it go to a great program," said Rep. Dean Schamore (D-Hardinsburg). "We need to continue to invest in the next generation, and grooming young farmers is an area we do not want to overlook."

### **Johnson County**

Johnson County Conservation District was approved for \$550 in Johnson County funds to administer the Shared-Use Equipment Program. A broadcast seeder will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Erica Taylor-Reynolds at [jccd5263@foothills.net](mailto:jccd5263@foothills.net) or 606-789-5263.

### **Laurel County**

Laurel County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$15,000 in Laurel County funds to administer YAIP with a maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Bobby Wells at [dl\\_ces\\_laurel@email.uky.edu](mailto:dl_ces_laurel@email.uky.edu) or 606-864-4167.

### **Livingston County**

Livingston County Board of Education was approved for \$39,300 in Livingston County funds to administer two Shared-Use Equipment Programs. A lime spreader and no-till drill will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Robert Schmitt at [Robert.schmitt@livingston.kyschools.us](mailto:Robert.schmitt@livingston.kyschools.us) or 270-928-2065.

### **Lyon County**

Lyon County Conservation District was approved for an additional \$24,811 in Lyon County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Carolyn Fralick at [usgovernment819@bellsouth.net](mailto:usgovernment819@bellsouth.net) at 270-388-7653.

### **Meniffee County**

Meniffee County Board of Education was approved for \$10,000 in Meniffee County funds to purchase a CNC digital plasma cutter system, and to update existing agricultural mechanics equipment. More than 120 students in the agricultural education department at Meniffee County High School will benefit from this project. For more information, contact James Kash at [james.kash@meniffee.kyschools.us](mailto:james.kash@meniffee.kyschools.us) or 606-768-8102.

### **Ohio County**

Ohio County Cattlemen's Association Inc. was approved for \$107,496 in Ohio County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$5,000 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Tammy Blacklock at [tblacklock3@gmail.com](mailto:tblacklock3@gmail.com) or 270-925-7828.

Ohio County 4-H Council Inc. was approved for \$10,000 in Ohio County funds to administer YAIP with a maximum student limit of \$1,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Larry Clayton at [bclayton690@gmail.com](mailto:bclayton690@gmail.com).

### **Taylor County**

Campbellsville Independent Schools Board of Education was approved for \$15,000 in Taylor County funds for a high school greenhouse. Campbellsville Independent High School recently began an agricultural education program, and a greenhouse will provide students with hands-on experience. For more information, contact Erin Arnett at [erin.arnett@cville.kyschools.us](mailto:erin.arnett@cville.kyschools.us) or 270-465-8774.

Green River Beekeepers Inc. was approved for \$960 in Taylor County funds to purchase new honey extracting equipment. This new equipment will be safer to use and benefit the 336 beekeeper members. For more information, contact Michael Pellittiere II at [mmp2083@gmail.com](mailto:mmp2083@gmail.com) or 270-932-2300.

“This is an exciting opportunity for students and the community to come together to promote the importance of Kentucky agriculture,” said Sen. Max Wise (R-Campbellsville). “These grant funds are sure to provide invaluable hands-on learning experiences in crop cultivation, agribusiness, sustainability practices, honey extraction and more. I am pleased that Taylor County students will be able to utilize and expand their agricultural knowledge in a new greenhouse facility.”

### **Todd County**

Todd County Conservation District was approved for \$235,000 in Todd County funds to administer CAIP with a maximum producer limit of \$3,500 for the 2020 program year. For more information, contact Piper Kay at [kay.piper@usda.gov](mailto:kay.piper@usda.gov) or 270-265-5638.

### **Union County**

Union County Conservation District was approved for \$25,500 in Union County Funds to administer the Shared-Use Equipment Program. A no-till drill will be available for producers to lease. For more information, contact Jason Greenwell at [jgreenwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:jgreenwell@bellsouth.net) or 270-389-1145.

The County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) provides farmers with incentives to allow them to improve and diversify their current production practices. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 investment areas, including, but not limited to, bees and honey; equine; forage; beef and dairy cattle; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; farm infrastructure and water enhancement; marketing and value-added production.

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.

The Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (Youth) encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP, NextGen and Youth programs will be advertised locally. For more information about application dates and guidelines in each county, please call or email the contact list above under the appropriate county.

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*Gov. Beshear and the General Assembly continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing a portion of Kentucky's Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement Funds into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF).*

*To date, the KADF investments total more than \$630 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 KADF, represent just a few of the more than 6,400 projects approved, since the inception of the program in January 2001.*

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