



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

September 17, 2021

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

KADF Programs

Approved at the September 2021 KADB Meeting

CAIP

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Hancock	Hancock County Conservation District	08/02/2021	\$ 118,697.00
Scott	Scott County Soil Conservation District	08/12/2021	\$ 250,000.00
Boyle	Boyle County Farm Bureau	08/13/2021	\$ 152,000.00
Menifee	Menifee County Beef Producers, Inc.	08/23/2021	\$ 101,118.00
Mason	Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Inc.	08/23/2021	\$ 234,000.00
Bourbon	Bourbon County Fiscal Court	08/24/2021	\$ 325,000.00
6			\$ 1,180,815.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Boyle	Boyle County Conservation District	08/13/2021	\$ 15,000.00
Shelby	Shelby County Fiscal Court	08/25/2021	\$ 7,500.00
2			\$ 22,500.00

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Scott	Scott County Soil Conservation District	08/17/2021	\$ 25,000.00
1			\$ 25,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
Hopkins	Hopkins County Farm Bureau of Hopkins County, Kentuck	08/27/2021	\$ 14,933.00
Hopkins	Hopkins County Farm Bureau of Hopkins County, Kentuck	08/27/2021	State \$ 10,229.00
Hopkins	Hopkins County Farm Bureau of Hopkins County, Kentuck	08/27/2021	\$ 21,563.00
2			\$ 46,725.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>County</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Funds Approved</u>
LaRue	LaRue County Farm Bureau of LaRue County Kentucky	08/18/2021	\$ 30,000.00
Mason	Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Inc.	08/23/2021	\$ 20,000.00

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Bracken	Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Inc.	08/23/2021	\$ 32,000.00
3			<hr/> \$ 82,000.00
<hr/> Total County* KADF Approved for Programs:			\$1,357,040.00

Requested Program Amendments

App # A2021-0066 YAIP
Applicant Name Oldham County Farm Bureau
 Original Amount Approved \$5,000
 Execution Date 05/26/2021
 Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$1,000 in Oldham County funds for the *YAIP 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 \$6,000.
Recommend Approval

App# A2021-0067
Applicant Name Oldham County Farm Bureau
 Original Amount Approved \$25,000
 Execution Date 05/26/2021
 Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$11,000 in Oldham 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 \$36,000.
Recommend Approval

App # A2021-0148
Applicant Name Nicholas County Conservation District
 Original Amount Approved \$252,000
 Execution Date 07/15/2021
 Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$12,600 in Nicholas 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 \$264,600.
Recommend Approval

On-Farm Water SSG Projects Approved

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	FUNDS REQUESTED
A2021-0115	Jarrold Brent Cornett	Laurel	\$10,000.00

Total State Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$10,000.00**
Awards: 1 # Counties: 1

**The On-Farm Water Management Program provides funding to promote water resillience on farms.
The Small Scale Grant (SSG) is for a private farm that wishes to implement bestmanagement practices for water management on the farm.*

Approved Project

Creation Gardens, Inc.**A2021-0121***Application County: Jefferson**Date Submitted: 04/30/2021**Total Funds Awarded: \$373,259***FUNDING REQUEST**

Creation Gardens, Inc. is requesting \$373,259 in State funds for renovating and repurposing a facility in Bardstown, KY for e-commerce of their products.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used for to build out the temperature controlled areas in the footprint of the existing building. Creation Gardens, Inc. recognizes the challenge of getting locally produced products from the farm to the consumer. For over 23 years, Creations Gardens, Inc. has utilized their position, customer base, and technology to facilitate this process. Their goal through accommodating this facility is to further tap into the upward trending e-commerce market. The facility has been used for the past few years as an e-commerce hub for their feed the party program. With their knowledge and experience building multicomponent food boxes and through partnering with Tangelo, Creation Gardens hopes to directly access food insecure populations and provide them food in a dignified manner.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$746,518 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 373,259 KADF State funds

\$ 373,259 Personal Funds (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates the project will have statewide impact through being a fulfillment center for products marketed by Kentucky producers, and this project will have an impact on neighboring producers they purchase local product from.

Board Decision:

Creation Gardens, Inc. was approved for up to \$373,259 in State funds for renovating and repurposing a facility in Bardstown, KY for e-commerce of its products.

Approved Project

Stepping Stone Farm, LLC**A2021-0151***Application County: Bourbon**Date Submitted: 06/04/2021**Total Funds Awarded: \$300,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Stepping Stone Farm, LLC. is requesting \$300,000 in State funds to aid in building infrastructure for their agriculture education event and storage space.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used for building a 100'X180' store and storage facility for local Kentucky products. Stepping Stone Farm, LLC. realizes a need and market for an agritourism destination in central Kentucky. Their goal creating this agritourism location in central Kentucky is to create a centrally located agriculture education playground and a market for local producers' products. Stepping Stone Farm, LLC will be sourcing many products locally at wholesale cost from Kentucky producers while also providing their own pumpkin patch, sunflower patch, and orchard. The applicant states Bourbon, Harrison, Scott, Nicholas, Pendleton, Fayette and Campbell counties will directly benefit from this agritourism destination.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,185,000 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 300,000 KADF State funds

\$ 885,000 Kentucky Ag. Credit

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that twelve local producers will be directly impacted by this project while Stepping Stone Farm, LLC plans to expand and grow this list of producers.

Board Decision:

Stepping Stone Farm, LLC. was approved for up to \$300,000 in State funds and matching county funds to build a 100'X180' on-farm market and storage facility for local Kentucky products.

Approved Project

Berea College, Grow Appalachia**A2021-0189***Application County: Madison**Date Submitted: 07/26/2021**Total Funds Awarded: \$260,575***FUNDING REQUEST**

Berea College, Grow Appalachia is requesting \$260,575 in state funds to expand the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support (EKY-DIGS) program in eastern Kentucky.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting funds to increase the capacity of new and established farms in eastern Kentucky by delivering intensive technical support, helping farms in the region. This project will include the following direct support to farmers:

1. On-farm technical support and consulting
2. Production planning assistance
3. Farmer education, training, and networking
4. Connections to helpful organizations and agencies
5. Installation assistance and resource support for the adoption of new efficient production practices
6. Development of high tunnels production systems and crops budgets adapted to the region

A2019-0210 - The applicant was approved for up to \$255,695 in state and \$19,000 in multiple county funds (Bath \$500; Clark \$2,000; Floyd \$2,000; Knott \$500; Letcher \$2,000; Madison \$2,000; Magoffin \$2,000; Montgomery \$2,000; Owsley \$2,000; Pulaski \$2,000; Wayne \$2,000).

A2017-0226 - The applicant was approved for up to \$265,536 in state funds.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$741,568 with the following funding sources:

\$260,575 State funds (unsecure)

\$180,993 USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development grant (secured)

\$300,000 USDA NRSCS High Tunnel Regional Conservation Project (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates more than 300 farm families have been impacted by EKY-DIGS.

Board Decision:

Berea College, Grow Appalachia was approved for up to \$260,575 in state funds contingent on securing at least \$15,000 from 15 counties to expand the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support (EKY-DIGS) program in eastern Kentucky.

Approved Project

Bluegrass Roots Farm Foundation, Inc**A2021-0197***Application County: Fayette**Date Submitted: 07/30/2021**Total Funds Awarded: \$38,365***FUNDING REQUEST**

Bluegrass Roots Farm Foundation, Inc. is requesting \$38,365 in State funds to aid in constructing a storm water retention basin. This is an On-Farm Water Management Research Development & Demonstration project.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used for excavation, construction, and potentially lining with bentonite a storm water retention basin. Bluegrass Roots Farm Foundation realizes the amount of municipal water usage they can eventually reduce through creating this retention basin. Their goal in creating this project is to provide a water source for vegetable plots that will be grown in conjunction with the University of Kentucky on the Bluegrass Roots Farm Foundation's incubator farm. The applicant will be adding irrigation systems for students who utilize the property to benefit from as they grow their vegetable plots.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$76,730 with funding from the following sources:

\$ 38,365 KADF State funds

\$ 38,365 Cash on Hand

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that several students will be impacted by this program opportunity through the University of Kentucky and it will provide them a great start in learning how to become a vegetable producer.

Board Decision:

Bluegrass Roots Farm Foundation, Inc. was approved for up to \$38,365 in State funds to aid in constructing a storm water retention basin. This is an On-Farm Water Management Research Development & Demonstration project.

Denied Project

Ryan Bratcher**A2021-0184***Application County: Butler**Date Submitted: 07/19/2021**Total Funds Awarded: \$0*

Project SUMMARY

FUNDING Requested \$7,500

Total Project Cost – \$15,000

Tax Information – not included

Good Standing with Secretary of State – Yes

Project

Installation of municipal water meter, pipe, and hydrant to run water to a sheep herd and for poultry use.

Committee Recommendation:

The On-Farm Water Management Committee recommends not funding this request of \$7,500 in state funds due to the lack of Gross Farm Income.

Board Decision:

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



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$2.3 million for projects across the commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

FRANKFORT (Sept. 17, 2021) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,363,839 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

State and County Funded Projects

- Berea College, Grow Appalachia was approved for \$260,575 in state and county funds over two years to expand the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support (EKY-DIGS) program in eastern Kentucky. For more information on the project contact, Candance Mullins at mullinsc@bera.edu.
- Creation Gardens, Inc. was approved for \$373,259 in state funds, as a forgivable loan, for renovating and repurposing a facility in Bardstown, Kentucky, for e-commerce of their products. For more information on this project contact, John Thomas at jthomas@whatchefswant.com.
- Stepping Stone Farm, LLC. was approved for county funds to be matched by state funds up to \$300,000 to aid in building a store and storage facility on its farm for agriculture educational events and storage space. For more information on this project contact, Ally Barnett at steppingstonefarm2@gmail.com.

On-Farm Water Program

On-Farm Water Management Program provides state fund incentives for land-grant and regional universities, non-profits and Kentucky farm families to financially incentivize better water management practices across the commonwealth. Applicants may apply in one of three areas: Research, Development and Demonstration (RDD), Producer Implemented Project (PIP), or Small Scale Grant (SSG).

Two On-Farm Water grants were approved by the board totaling \$48,365:

- Jarrod Brent Cornett was approved for \$10,000 in state funds as a SSG to aid in micro-irrigation and plasticulture improvements on his farm.
- Bluegrass Roots Farm Foundation, Inc. was approved for \$38,365 in state funds as a forgivable loan, to aid in constructing a storm water retention basin. This RDD project is in conjunction with the University of Kentucky. For more information on the project contact, Sam Lee at samuel.lee2@stantec.com.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. 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.

Eight CAIPs were approved by the board totaling \$1,204,415:

- Bourbon (\$325,000)
- Boyle (\$152,000)
- Hancock (\$118,697)
- Mason (\$234,000)
- Menifee (\$101,118)
- Nicholas (\$12,600)*
- Oldham (\$11,000)*
- Scott (\$250,000)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

DAR 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 were approved by the board totaling \$22,500:

- Boyle (\$15,000)
- Shelby (\$7,500)

Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)

NextGen addresses the growing need for a specialized program that would benefit producers ages 18 to 40 that have been engaged in an agricultural operation for a minimum of three years.

One NextGen Program was approved by the board totaling \$25,000:

- Scott (\$25,000)

Shared-Use Equipment Program

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 projects were funded totaling \$46,725:

- Hopkins (\$25,162 and \$21,563)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Four YAIP programs were approved by the board totaling \$83,000:

- Bracken (\$32,000)
- LaRue (\$30,000)
- Mason (\$20,000)
- Oldham (\$1,000)*

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP, NextGen and Youth and leasing information for Shared-Use programs will be advertised locally.

*Existing programs receiving additional funding.

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