



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



October 13, 2023

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural
Finance Corporation Board

October 20, 2023

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural Development
Board



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation 2023/2024 12-Month Board Meeting Schedule

Updated October, 2023

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Month	KAFC Board Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
November	Joint Session- Thursday & Friday, November 16-17	Christian County Extension Office- Hopkinsville, KY	Friday, October 20, 2023
December	Friday, December 8, 2023	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, November 17, 2023
January	Friday, January 12, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 22, 2023
February	Friday, February 9, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 19, 2024
March	Friday, March 8, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 16, 2024
April	Joint Session- Friday, April 19, 2024	Hardin County Extension Office- Elizabethtown, KY	Friday, March 23, 2024
May	Friday, May 10, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 19, 2024
June	Friday, June 14, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 17, 2024
July	Friday, July 12, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 21, 2024
August	Friday, August 9, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 19, 2024
September	Friday, September 13, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 16, 2024
October	Friday, October 11, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 20, 2024
November	Joint Session- Thursday & Friday, November 14-15	TBD	Friday, October 18, 2024



October Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender
Ag Infrastructure	Pulaski	Grain	\$100,500.00	\$597,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Ag Infrastructure	Pulaski	Dairy	\$53,600.00	\$107,200.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Ag Infrastructure	Ohio	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$695,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Ag Infrastructure	Green	Grain	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Ag Infrastructure	Breckinridge	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,878,600.00	Magnolia Bank
Ag Infrastructure	Marion	Grain	\$62,500.00	\$125,000.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Ag Infrastructure	Calloway	Grain	\$42,750.00	\$210,500.00	The Murray Bank
Beginning Farmer	Adair	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$1,150,000.00	Bank of Columbia
Beginning Farmer	Grayson	Beef	\$125,000.00	\$250,000.00	Magnolia Bank
Beginning Farmer	Cumberland	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$3,600,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Laurel	Beef	\$119,000.00	\$280,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Breckinridge	Grain	\$175,000.00	\$350,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Todd	Horticulture	\$200,000.00	\$605,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	McLean	Grain	\$100,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Franklin	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$575,000.00	Traditional Bank
Beginning Farmer	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$550,000.00	Independence Bank
Beginning Farmer	Barren	Beef	\$115,000.00	\$275,000.00	South Central Bank
Beginning Farmer	Barren	Beef	\$112,500.00	\$275,000.00	South Central Bank

Beginning Farmer	Clark	Beef	\$135,000.00	\$270,000.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Madison	Beef	\$86,250.00	\$273,000.00	Central KY Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Allen	Beef	\$171,756.00	\$1,624,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Laurel	Poultry	\$200,000.00	\$400,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	McLean	Beef	\$75,000.00	\$150,000.00	Independence Bank
Total			\$3,623,856.00	\$16,240,300.00	

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Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves \$3,583,856 in loans

Aid bolsters beef, forage, poultry, and grain farmers across the commonwealth

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 13, 2023) – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved \$3,583,856 for 23 agricultural loans for projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Seven Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$1,009,350 were approved. Loan recipients were in Breckinridge (\$250,000), Calloway (\$42,750), Green (\$250,000), Marion (\$62,500), Ohio (\$250,000), and Pulaski (\$53,600 and \$100,500) counties. KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Sixteen Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,574,506 were approved. Loan recipients were in Adair (\$250,000), Allen (\$171,756), Barren (\$112,500 and \$115,000), Breckinridge (\$175,000), Clark (\$135,000), Cumberland (\$250,000), Franklin (\$250,000), Graves (\$250,000), Grayson (\$125,000), Laurel (\$119,000 and \$200,000), Madison (\$86,250), McLean (\$75,000 and \$100,000), and Todd (\$160,000) counties. The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

For more information on the programs offered by the KAFC, contact Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email kafc@ky.gov.

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The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP), a division within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provides staff support to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. KOAP ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.



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January	Friday, January 19, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 29, 2023
February	Friday, February 16, 2024	National Farm Machinery Show- Louisville, KY	Friday, January 26, 2024
March	Friday, March 15, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 23, 2024
April	Joint Session-Friday, April 19, 2024	Hardin County Extension Office-Elizabethtown, KY	Friday, March 29, 2024
May	Friday, May 17, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 26, 2024
June	Friday, June 21, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 24, 2024
July	Friday, July 19, 2024	Kentucky State University- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 28, 2024
August	Friday, August 16, 2024	Kentucky State Fair- Louisville, KY	Friday, July 26, 2023
September	Friday, September 13, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 23, 2024
October	Friday, October 18, 2024	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 27, 2024
November	Joint Session-Friday, November 14-15, 2024	TBD	Friday, October 25, 2024

On-Farm Energy Programs Recommended for Approval

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Funds Requested
A2023-0120	Wolf Gap Gardens, LLC <i>On-Farm Energy Horticulture</i>	Madison	\$10,150.00
A2023-0198	Christopher A. Bell (Bells Broilers) <i>On-Farm Energy Poultry</i>	Wayne	\$5,564.00
A2023-0224	Hagman Farms, Inc <i>On-Farm Energy Grain</i>	Hancock	\$10,150.00
A2023-0225	Marcus L. Allen dba Mark Allen Farms <i>On-Farm Energy Grain</i>	Hancock	\$10,150.00
A2023-0226	Wade R Gilbert dba Gilbert Farms <i>On-Farm Energy Poultry</i>	Wayne	\$10,150.00
A2023-0227	Philip Unruh <i>On-Farm Energy Poultry</i>	Monroe	\$3,280.00
A2023-0228	Merit Farms of Kansas, Inc. <i>On-Farm Energy Poultry</i>	Monroe	\$10,150.00
A2023-0237	Windy Oaks Chicken House <i>On-Farm Energy Poultry</i>	Wayne	\$3,015.00
A2023-0238	Grand View Acres, Inc. <i>On-Farm Energy Poultry</i>	Monroe	\$10,150.00
Total State Funds Recommended for Approval in Program			\$72,759.00

**On-Farm Energy Program
Summaries**

A2023-0120 Wolf Gap Gardens, LLC

Application County: Madison

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$10,150

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$20,500

SUMMARY
Installation of a solar panel system to produce electricity for an organic vegetable operation.

A2023-0198 Christopher A. Bell (Bells Broilers)

Application County: Wayne

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$5,564

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$12,000

SUMMARY
Upgrade fans for a poultry operation.

**On-Farm Energy Program
Summaries**

A2023-0224 Hagman Farms, Inc

Application County: Hancock

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$10,150

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$44,214

SUMMARY
Install solar panel system for a grain operation.

A2023-0225 Marcus L. Allen dba Mark Allen Farms

Application County: Hancock

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$10,150

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$28,000

SUMMARY
Install solar panel system for a grain operation.

**On-Farm Energy Program
Summaries**

A2023-0226 Wade R Gilbert dba Gilbert Farms

Application County: Wayne

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$10,150

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$36,391

SUMMARY
Upgrade heaters and fans for a poultry operation.

A2023-0227 Philip Unruh

Application County: Monroe

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$3,280

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$6,260

SUMMARY
Upgrade fans for a poultry operation.

**On-Farm Energy Program
Summaries**

A2023-0228 Merit Farms of Kansas, Inc.

Application County: Monroe

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$10,150

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$44,080

SUMMARY
Upgrade heaters for a poultry operation.

A2023-0237 Windy Oaks Chicken House

Application County: Wayne

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY
FUNDING REQUEST \$3,015

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$5,730

SUMMARY
Upgrade fans for a poultry operation.

**On-Farm Energy Program
Summaries**

A2023-0238 Grand View Acres, Inc.

Application County: Monroe

Project Summary:

PROJECT SUMMARY

FUNDING REQUEST \$10,150

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$32,842

SUMMARY

Install insulation and upgrade fans for a poultry operation.

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2023-0242	Kenton County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Kenton	\$67,435.00
A2023-0244	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc.	Wayne	\$150,000.00
A2023-0245	Nelson County Conservation District	Hardin	\$160,000.00
			\$377,435.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2023-0240	Hardin County Fiscal Court	Hardin	\$12,500.00
			\$12,500.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2023-0246	Madison County Farm Bureau, Inc. of Madison County, Kentucky	Madison	\$50,000.00
			\$50,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs:	\$439,935.00
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App # A2023-0071
Applicant Name Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc. (YAIP)
Original Amount Approved \$5,250
Execution Date 06/08/2023
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$1,900 in Harrison 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 \$7,150.

Recommend Approval

App # A2023-0136
Applicant Name Adair County Cattlemen’s Association, Inc. (CAIP)
Original Amount Approved \$206,000
Execution Date 07/24/2023
Requested Change The applicant requests an additional \$7,500 in Adair 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 \$213,500.

Recommend Approval

Approved Project

Cornett Enterprises, LLC

A2023-0206

Application County: Laurel

Date Submitted: 07/26/2023

Total Funds Awarded: \$3,750

FUNDING REQUEST

Cornett Enterprises is requesting \$3,750 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Food Safety GAP Audit.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to work with a consultant from Coastal Ag Supply to assist the applicant in the preparation and execution of the PRIMUS Food Safety GAP Audit.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6,700 with funding from the following sources:

- \$ 3,750 KADF State Funds
- \$ 2,950 Personal Funds

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: The Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program provides funding for Kentucky farm families , businesses, and processors to increase their efficiency and food safety protocol through sound consultation services . One Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program was approved by the board in Laurel County totaling \$3,750.

Approved Project

Gate Keeper Cattle Company, LLC**A2023-0214***Application County: Union**Date Submitted: 08/11/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$16,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

John Jenkin is requesting \$8,000 in Union County and \$8,127.73 in state funds to purchase an enclosed trailer and food preparation equipment for the Gate Keeper Cattle Company, LLC.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant indicates that the funds will be used to purchase an 8.5' x 20' cargo trailer with freezer storage, inverter generator, and air conditioning/heating to use for the mobile meat retail business within the local area. The future plans for the mobile unit will be to use the vending unit housing the meat products for retail sale, with the ability to cook and prepare the company's products at events, fairs, festivals, and markets. Gate Keeper Cattle Company currently offers cuts of beef direct to consumer in the local area, with some products coming from local producers and the stockyard in the area.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$32,510.92 with funding from the following sources:

\$8,000 KADF Union County funds (secured)

\$8,127.32 KADF State funds (unsecured)

\$16,383.19 United Community Bank (pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates that the Gate Keeper Cattle Company will impact 4-8 producers, with the potential to involve multiple others in time.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: Gate Keeper Cattle Company was approved up to \$8,000 in Union County funds to aid in the purchase of equipment for the mobile meat retail business.

Approved Project

Creek Veterinary Services**A2023-0229***Application County: Allen**Date Submitted: 08/25/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$122,710***FUNDING REQUEST**

Creek Veterinary Services is requesting \$60,545 in state and Allen County funds to purchase a new light-duty regular cab truck with a mobile vet clinic insert.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Dr. Jeremy Creek currently provides large animal veterinary services in Allen and surrounding counties . This project will replace the truck and clinic insert that are currently used.

KADB funds will be used to purchase a new GMC 3500 regular cab truck and mobile vet clinic insert.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$80,726 with the following funding sources:

\$50,455 KADB State Funds

\$10,090 KADB Allen County Funds (Pending)

\$20,182 Jeremy S. Creek (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that over 200 farm families in Allen and surrounding counties will directly benefit from this project in the first year.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: The Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program provides funding for Kentucky veterinarians to increase service to large and food animals in the state. Applicants may receive up to 75 percent reimbursement for eligible expenditures not to exceed more than \$100,000 in state and county funds as a lifetime limit. Two Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Programs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$158,145:

- Allen (\$60,545)
- Bracken (\$97,600)

Approved Project

Raymer Veterinary Services**A2023-0230***Application County: Bracken**Date Submitted: 08/18/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$97,601***FUNDING REQUEST**

Raymer Veterinary Services is requesting \$81,333 in state funds and \$16,267 in Bracken and Mason County funds to purchase a truck, a custom truck vault, and to help construct an office area.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to purchase a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 with a custom truck vault. The applicant will also be building an office area to treat large animals and have medication and supplies available to producers. The applicant has clients in Bracken and Mason Counties.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$130,197 with funding from the following sources:

- \$10,000 Cash
- \$16,350 Capital One Auto Loan
- \$6,247 Farm Credit Service Loan
- \$81,333 State Funds (Unsecured)
- \$8,133.50 Bracken County Funds (Secured)
- \$8,133.50 Mason County Funds (Unsecured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that twelve local producers will be directly impacted by this project. Raymer Veterinary Services plans to expand and grow this list of clients.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: The Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program provides funding for Kentucky veterinarians to increase service to large and food animals in the state. Applicants may receive up to 75 percent reimbursement for eligible expenditures not to exceed more than \$100,000 in state and county funds as a lifetime limit. Two Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Programs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$158,145:

- Allen (\$60,545)
- Bracken (\$97,600)

Approved Project

Kentucky State University**A2023-0231***Application County: Franklin**Date Submitted: 08/25/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$1,359,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Kentucky State University (KSU) is requesting \$1,359,000 in state funds over a 2 year period (2024-2025) to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help producers across the commonwealth.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Since 2012, Kentucky State University (KSU) has provided assistance and mini-grants to small-scale and underserved farmers statewide in the areas of Organic Agriculture, Value-Added Products, Farmer Educational Support, Agroforestry, Emerging Agricultural Technologies, Food Systems Resiliency, and Beginning Beekeeper.

KADB funds will be used for salaries, demo materials, supplies, and travel, and sub-awards to farmers.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,747,000 with the following funding sources:

\$1,359,000 KADB State Funds

\$1,359,000 KSU Federal Funds

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states approximately 190 farm families will directly benefit from this program in the first year and that all 120 counties could potentially benefit.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: Kentucky State University (KSU) was approved up to \$1,359,000 in state funds over a two-year period (2024-2025) to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help producers across the commonwealth.

Approved Project

Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc.**A2023-0232***Application County: Hardin**Date Submitted: 08/25/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$900,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), Inc. is requesting \$900,000 in state funds over two years to deliver technical assistance and provide educational opportunities to agricultural and rural businesses.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

KCARD is the primary assistance provider for producer-owned agribusiness development in Kentucky. KCARD assists both start-up businesses engaged in the developmental stages of planning and existing businesses looking to address new challenges or expand their market. Small and mid-sized businesses make up a sizable majority of Kentucky agribusinesses. KCARD is most effective when establishing a relationship during the developmental phase of an operation and continuing to nurture the relationship over the long term, with a primary focus on financial sustainability. Since 2001, KCARD has provided assistance and received inquiries from over 2,900 different entities and individuals. In 2022, over 670 different businesses or projects received KCARD help, ranging from farmers markets to meat processors and value-added producers to commercial kitchens. As of August 2023, KCARD has already assisted 401 clients in 2023 composed of producers, businesses and organizations, up from 331 this time two years ago. Within the 2024 and 2025 project years, KCARD expects to reach clients in all Kentucky counties.

The total cost of this two-year project is estimated at \$2,230,106 with the following funding sources:

- \$900,000 KADF state funds (Unsecured)
- \$400,000 USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant (Pending)
- \$460,000 Appalachian Regional Food Business Center (Secured)
- \$100,000 USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership Grant (Secured)
- \$180,000 USDA AgVets Grant (Secured)
- \$190,106 KCARD fee-based and other grants (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates that at least 2,900 producers and agribusinesses have been affected by this project, with a projected impact to reach all 120 counties in the state.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), Inc. was approved up to \$900,000 in state funds over two years to deliver technical assistance and provide educational opportunities to agricultural and rural businesses.

Approved Project

Berea College, Grow Appalachia**A2023-0234***Application County: Madison**Date Submitted: 08/25/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$322,260***FUNDING REQUEST**

Grow Appalachia is requesting \$322,260 in state funds to run the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support Program (EKY-DIGS) to help Eastern Kentucky farmers adopt efficient production practices, which will lead to growth in the agriculture sector and more profitable farms in the region.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to help run the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support Program (EKY_DIGS). The program helps Eastern Kentucky farmers by providing on-farm technical assistance, workshops, field days, classes, and educational materials. Their goal is to help farmers adopt efficient production practices, which will lead to growth in the agriculture sector and more profitable farms in the region. The 2-year program is expected to impact over 450 farm families.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$816,178 with funding from the following sources:

\$399,628 USDA-NIFA Beginning Education Series (Secured)
\$67,090 USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (Secured)
\$10,000 USDA-NIFA Farmer's Market Promotion Program (Secured)
\$17,200 USDA-NIFA 1890 Capacity Building Grant (Secured)
\$322,260 KADB state funds (Unsecured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 450 farm families in 54 Appalachian counties will be directly impacted over the 2-year program. Classes will be recorded and hosted online, and educational materials will be distributed to producers throughout the Commonwealth, thereby increasing the impact of the program.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: Berea College, Grow Appalachia was approved up to \$322,260 in state funds to run the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support Program (EKY-DIGS).

Approved Project

Reid's Orchard**A2023-0235***Application County: Daviess**Date Submitted: 08/25/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$10,700***FUNDING REQUEST**

Reid's Orchard is requesting \$10,700 in Daviess County funds to purchase a 5-ton compressor, evaporator, and cooling system for their business.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to upgrade their produce storage unit in the first portion of their project, with the purchase of a compressor and evaporator into a 30x30 cooler room. The new equipment will add shelf life to their products as the room will hold vegetables, strawberries, peaches, apples, and cider. The second portion of the applicant's request includes the purchase of a cool space cooling system to implement in their events building.

The total project cost is anticipated to be \$21,400 with funding from the following sources:

\$10,700 Daviess County funds (secured)

\$10,700 Personal cash on hand (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 10 farm families will directly benefit from the compressor in this project.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023 : Reid's Orchard was approved up to \$10,700 in Daviess County funds to purchase a 5-ton compressor, evaporator, and cooling system for their business.

Approved Project

Adair County Board of Education**A2023-0236***Application County: Adair**Date Submitted: 08/25/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$50,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Adair County Board of Education is requesting \$50,000 in Adair County funds to build a new 30' x 84' even-span greenhouse at the Adair County Agriculture Facility.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The Adair County Agriculture Department built the current greenhouse in 1987 as a way to gain further insight into plant education and diversified agriculture production. Due to the new high school being built, the greenhouse was taken down and reassembled at its current location in 1995.

Over the years, the greenhouse has benefitted many students and community members in Adair County, but the current structure and necessary technologies have not evolved as the industry has.

KADB funds will be used to purchase a new greenhouse kit for use at Adair County High School and the new middle school. The kit includes the siding, heating, ventilation, tables, irrigation, and labor.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$220,906 with the following funding sources:

\$50,000 KADB Adair County Funds (Committed)

\$100,000 Adair County High School – LAVEC Funding (Secured)

\$10,000 Adair County Farm Bureau (Secured)

\$10,000 Adair County Conservation District (Secured)

\$17,234 Adair County High School – Greenhouse Account (Secured)

\$29,100 Adair County Board of Education (Pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that many students and farm families in Adair County will be directly affected by this project in the first year.

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: Adair County Board of Education was approved up to \$50,000 in Adair County funds to support the construction of a greenhouse at the Adair County Agriculture Facility.

Approved Project

Logan Premium Meats and Processing LLC**A2023-0239***Application County: Christian**Date Submitted: 09/06/2023**Total Funds Awarded: \$3,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Hampton Premium Meats is requesting \$3,750 in state funds for funding consultation fees for a Halal certification.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to work with the American Halal Foundation to assist the applicant toward getting their facility certified to meet the Halal status of their processed meat. Originally, this application was presented to the Food Safety & Efficiency Committee as a request for funds in the Food Safety & Efficiency Program targeted toward consultations. Due to the purpose of this request being a certification, the Food Safety & Efficiency Committee recommended funding the request as a general project. By altering the request to a general project application, the available funds are not to exceed 50% of the total project cost rather than the program's 75% cost-reimbursement, therefore the applicant may only receive \$3,000 of the total cost of \$6,000.

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

\$ 3,000 KADF State funds (unsecured)

\$ 3,000 Personal funds (Secured)

Board Decision:

10/20/2023: Logan Premium Meats and Processing LLC was approved up to \$3,000 in state funds to support the expenses of pursuing a Halal Certification.



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves over \$3.3 million for projects across the commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

FRANKFORT (Oct. 20, 2023) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$3,336,949 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

“The projects funded by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board continue to push forward diversification efforts across Kentucky’s agriculture pursuits,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and board chair Dr. Ryan Quarles. “This strengthens our agriculture communities, which also means a stronger Kentucky.

County and State Funded Projects

- Adair County Board of Education was approved up to \$50,000 in Adair County funds to support the construction of a greenhouse at the Adair County Agriculture Facility. For more information, contact Brittany Smith at brittany.smith@adair.kyschools.us.
- Berea College, Grow Appalachia was approved up to \$322,260 in state funds to run the Eastern Kentucky Direct Integrated Grower Support Program (EKY-DIGS). For more information, contact Candace Mullins at mullinsc@berea.edu.
- Gate Keeper Cattle Company was approved up to \$8,000 in Union County funds to aid in the purchase of equipment for the mobile meat retail business. For more information, contact John Jenkin at Gatekeepercattleco@gmail.com.
- The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD), Inc. was approved up to \$900,000 in state funds over two years to deliver technical assistance and provide educational opportunities to agricultural and rural businesses. For more information, contact Brent Lackey at blackey@kcard.info.

- Kentucky State University (KSU) was approved up to \$1,359,000 in state funds over a two-year period (2024-2025) to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help producers across the commonwealth. For more information, contact Joni Nelson at joni.nelson@kysu.edu.
- Logan Premium Meats and Processing LLC was approved up to \$3,000 in state funds to support the expenses of pursuing a Halal Certification. For more information, contact Chris Milam at Cmilam@hamptonpremiummeats.com.
- Reid's Orchard was approved up to \$10,700 in Daviess County funds to purchase a 5-ton compressor, evaporator, and cooling system for their business. For more information, contact William Reid at bhr117@aol.com.

State Programs

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program

The On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program provides incentives for Kentucky farm families to increase the energy efficiency of existing equipment or facilities on the farm.

Nine On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Programs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$72,759:

- Hancock (\$10,150)
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- Madison (\$10,150)
- Monroe (\$3,280)
- Monroe (\$10,150)
- Monroe (\$10,150)
- Wayne (\$3,015)
- Wayne (\$5,564)
- Wayne (\$10,150)

Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program

Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program provides funding for Kentucky farm families, businesses, and processors to increase their efficiency and food safety protocol through sound consultation services.

One Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program was approved by the board in Laurel County totaling \$3,750.

Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program

The Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program provides funding for Kentucky veterinarians to increase service to large and food animals in the state. Applicants may

receive up to 75 percent reimbursement for eligible expenditures not to exceed more than \$100,000 in state and county funds as a lifetime limit.

Two Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Programs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$158,145:

- Allen (\$60,545)
- Bracken (\$97,600)

County Programs

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, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; marketing; and value-added production.

Four CAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$384,935:

- Adair (\$7,500)*
- Hardin (\$160,000)
- Kenton (\$67,435)
- Wayne (\$150,000)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

The DAR program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally-sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

One DAR program was approved by the board in Hardin County totaling \$12,500.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Two YAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$51,900:

- Harrison (\$1,900)*
- Madison (\$50,000)

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP and YAIP will be advertised locally.

*Existing programs receiving additional funding.

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