



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



**May 9, 2025**

Meeting of the  
Kentucky Agricultural  
Finance Corporation Board

**May 16, 2025**

Meeting of the  
Kentucky Agricultural Development  
Board



## Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation 2025/2026 12-Month Board Meeting Schedule

Note: Locations are subject to change

Month	KAFC Board Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
May	Friday, May 9, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 18, 2025
June	Joint Meeting-Friday, June 20, 2025	Kentucky Historical Society- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 23, 2025
July	Friday, July 11, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 20, 2025
August	Friday, August 8, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 18, 2025
September	Friday, September 12, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 22, 2025
October	Friday, October 10, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 19, 2025
November	Friday, November 14, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 17, 2025
December	Friday, December 12, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, November 21, 2025
January	Friday, January 9, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 12, 2025
February	Friday, February 13, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 23, 2026
March	Friday, March 13, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 20, 2026
April	Friday, April 10, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, March 20, 2026
May	Friday, May 8, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 17, 2026



## May Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender
Ag Infrastructure	Warren	Dairy	\$95,000.00	\$190,000.00	South Central Bank of Barren Co
Ag Infrastructure	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$965,000.00	River Valley Ag Credit
Ag Infrastructure	Calloway	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,420,500.00	FNB Bank Inc
Ag Processing	Garrard	Ag Processing	\$180,000.00	\$450,000.00	Central Ky Ag Credit
Ag Processing	Hardin	Ag Processing	\$250,000.00	\$900,000.00	Community Trust Bank Inc
Beginning Farmer	Lincoln	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Breckinridge	Grain	\$250,000.00	\$809,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Larue	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$687,500.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Barren	Beef	\$155,000.00	\$310,000.00	South Central Bank of Barren Co
Beginning Farmer	Barren	Poultry	\$225,000.00	\$907,500.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Scott	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$900,000.00	Central Ky Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Boone	Equine	\$250,000.00	\$1,775,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Harrison	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$570,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Cumberland	Beef	\$112,625.00	\$270,000.00	Farm Credit Mid-America
Beginning Farmer	Wayne	Beef	\$144,500.00	\$340,000.00	Bank of Columbia
Beginning Farmer	Green	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$700,000.00	Bank of Columbia
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,412,125.00</b>	<b>\$12,594,500.00</b>	



## **Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$3.4 million in loans**

*Financing bolsters beef, forage, poultry, and grain farmers across the Commonwealth*

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**FRANKFORT (May 9, 2025)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 16 agricultural loans totaling \$3,412,125 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

### **Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)**

Three Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$595,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Calloway (\$250,000), Graves (\$250,000), and Warren (\$95,000) 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.

### **Agricultural Processing Loan Program (APLP)**

Two Agricultural Processing loans totaling up to \$430,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Garrard (\$180,000), and Hardin (\$250,000) counties.

APLP is designed to provide loan opportunities to companies and individuals in Kentucky interested in adding value to Kentucky-grown agricultural commodities through further processing. Agricultural processors may qualify for financing for acquisition of equipment, construction of new facilities, renovation/expansion of existing facilities and permanent working capital up to 50 percent of the project cost.

### **Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)**

Eleven Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,387,125 were approved. Loan recipients were in Barren (\$155,000 and \$225,000), Boone (\$250,000), Breckenridge (\$250,000), Cumberland (\$112,625), Green (\$250,000), Harrison (\$250,000), Larue (\$250,000) Lincoln (\$250,000) Scott (\$250,000) and Wayne (\$144,500) 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 KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email [kafc@ky.gov](mailto:kafc@ky.gov).

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May	Friday, May 16, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 25, 2025
June	Joint Meeting-Friday, June 20, 2025	Kentucky Historical Society-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 30, 2025
June	Friday, June 20, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 30, 2025
July	Friday, July 18, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 27, 2025
August	Friday, August 15, 2025	Courtyard by Marriott-Louisville, KY	Friday, July 25, 2025
September	Friday, September 19, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 29, 2025
October	Friday, October 17, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 26, 2025
November	Friday, November 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 24, 2025
December	Friday, December 19, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Monday, December 1, 2025
January	Friday, January 16, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, December 26, 2025
February	Friday, February 20, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, January 30, 2026
March	Friday, March 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 28, 2025
April	Friday, April 17, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, March 27, 2026
May	Friday, May 15, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, April 24, 2026

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2024-0208</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Ballard County Agricultural Development Fund, LLC</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$322,309
Execution Date	10/04/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$98,000 in Ballard County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$420,309.</p>

**Recommend Approval**

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2024-0213</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Casey County Conservation District</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$250,000
Execution Date	10/01/2024
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$220,000 in Casey County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$470,000.</p>

**Recommend Approval**

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2025-0026</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Owen County Farm Bureau, Inc.</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$20,000
Execution Date	04/11/2025
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$275,000 in Owen County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$295,000.</p>

**Recommend Approval**

<b>App #</b>	<b>A2025-0034</b>
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Montgomery County Conservation District</b>
Original Amount Approved	\$80,000
Execution Date	04/04/2025
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$120,000 in Montgomery County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> priority from the County Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Approval of this request would bring the program total to \$200,000.</p> <p><b>Recommend Approval</b></p>



## Programs Recommended for Approval

### CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
<b>A2025-0044</b>	Muhlenberg County Cattlemen's Association, Inc	Muhlenberg		\$38,757.00
<b>A2025-0047</b>	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	Webster	State	\$20,700.00
<b>A2025-0048</b>	Meade County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Meade		\$62,628.00
<b>A2025-0050</b>	Magoffin County Agriculture Investment Program Incorporated	Magoffin		\$105,000.00
<b>A2025-0052</b>	Carroll County Conservation District	Carroll		\$132,940.00
<b>A2025-0067</b>	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	Daviess		\$100,000.00
<b>A2025-0070</b>	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	McLean		\$20,000.00
<b>A2025-0071</b>	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc	Henderson	State	\$40,000.00
<b>A2025-0074</b>	Trimble County Conservation District	Trimble		\$172,676.00
<b>A2025-0077</b>	Marion County Conservation District	Marion		\$145,000.00
<b>A2025-0079</b>	Union County Conservation District	Union	State	\$30,000.00
<b>A2025-0083</b>	Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oldham		\$76,320.00
<b>A2025-0084</b>	Grayson County Cattlemens Association Inc.	Grayson		\$250,000.00
<b>A2025-0085</b>	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.	Jessamine		\$100,000.00
<b>A2025-0093</b>	Boyd County Conservation District	Boyd	State	\$63,600.00
<b>A2025-0094</b>	Campbell County Conservation District	Campbell	State	\$30,577.00
<b>A2025-0096</b>	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	Powell		\$42,509.00
<b>A2025-0099</b>	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc.	Wayne		\$140,000.00
<b>A2025-0102</b>	Butler County Conservation District	Butler		\$87,082.00
<b>A2025-0103</b>	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	Hopkins	State	\$60,000.00
<b>A2025-0104</b>	Clark County Conservation District	Clark		\$135,000.00
<b>A2025-0105</b>	Spencer County Conservation District	Spencer		\$120,000.00
<b>A2025-0106</b>	Harrison County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	Harrison		\$270,011.00
<b>A2025-0107</b>	Morgan County Fiscal Court	Morgan		\$159,080.00
<b>A2025-0108</b>	Henry County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.	Henry		\$20,000.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 25</b>				<b>\$2,421,880.00</b>

Board Meeting \*Any applications marked with "State" indicates a portion of the program is funded from the "State Funds Support to Counties with Limited Allocation Initiative."

May 16, 2025

## Programs Recommended for Approval

### Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

Application	Program Administrator	County	State	Funds Requested
A2025-0049	Bracken County Soil Conservation District	Bracken		\$2,500.00
A2025-0098	Montgomery County Fiscal Court	Montgomery		\$12,500.00
A2025-0110	Harrison County Fiscal Court	Harrison		\$7,500.00
A2025-0111	Clark County Conservation District	Clark		\$15,000.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 4</b>				<b>\$37,500.00</b>

### Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

Application	Program Administrator	County	State	Funds Requested
A2025-0024	Ohio County 4-H Council, Inc.	Ohio		\$10,000.00
A2025-0046	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	Webster		\$10,000.00
A2025-0053	Carroll County Conservation District	Carroll		\$15,000.00
A2025-0069	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	McLean		\$5,000.00
A2025-0072	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc.	Henderson		\$10,000.00
A2025-0073	Trimble County Conservation District	Trimble		\$20,000.00
A2025-0082	Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oldham		\$20,000.00
A2025-0095	Shelby County 4-H Council, Inc.	Shelby		\$12,250.00
A2025-0097	Powell County Livestock Producers Association, Inc.	Powell		\$3,000.00
A2025-0100	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc.	Wayne		\$15,000.00
A2025-0109	Clark County Conservation District	Clark		\$40,000.00
<b>Total Recommended for Funding: 11</b>				<b>\$160,250.00</b>

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$2,619,630.00**

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**Approved Project**

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**Olmstead Rural Fire Department****A2025-0036***Application County: Logan**Date Submitted: 2/26/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$20,500***FUNDING REQUEST**

Olmstead Rural Fire Department is requesting \$20,500 in multi-county funds to purchase grain rescue equipment to utilize for grain entrapment emergencies.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to purchase rescue harness kits and other tools necessary for grain rescue emergencies. A grain bin rescue team has been assembled to provide assistance in grain bin rescues, grain truck turnovers, grain rail car derailments, and other grain or confinement related incidents. The grain rescue equipment will be stored in a trailer and housed at a fire department that is centrally located in Logan County. The applicant's goal is to cut the average grain bin rescue time from 6 hours to less than 1 hour.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$75,657 with funding from the following sources:

- \$7,500 Logan County funds (secured)
- \$3,000 Todd County funds (secured)
- \$10,000 multi-county funds (unsecured)
- \$7,500 Olmstead Rural Fire Department (secured)
- \$7,500 Lewisburg Rural Fire Department (secured)
- \$7,500 Hopkinsville Elevator (pending)
- \$7,500 CTS Grain (secured)
- \$25,157 Other Donations (unsecured)

The applicant is still receiving donations for the project.

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that the equipment will be used for emergencies in Logan and surrounding counties. Ideally, they hope the equipment never needs to be used.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Olmstead Rural Fire Department was approved up to \$20,500 in multi-county funds to purchase grain rescue equipment to utilize for grain entrapment emergencies.

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**Approved Project**

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**Bourbon County Fire & Rescue****A2025-0045***Application County: Bourbon**Date Submitted: 3/17/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$10,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Bourbon County Fire & Rescue is requesting \$10,000 in Bourbon County funds to purchase proper grain rescue equipment and training to members of Bourbon County Fire & Rescue.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant indicates that the funds will be used to purchase grain rescue equipment that includes an enclosed trailer to store and transport the equipment quickly and efficiently. Bourbon County has no equipment to perform grain rescues and would like to increase the availability of the equipment due to the number of producers moving away from tobacco and into new enterprises such as grain. The applicant states Central dispatch and County fire will keep records of grain entrapment related incidents while County Fire will keep records of incident narratives and specifics.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$24,052.24 with funding from the following sources:

\$10,000 KADF Bourbon County funds (secured)

\$14,052.24 Personal

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that 846 farm families covering 183,749 acres of grain ground in Bourbon County will benefit directly.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Bourbon County Fire & Rescue was approved up to \$10,000 in Bourbon County funds to purchase proper grain rescue equipment and training to members of Bourbon County Fire & Rescue.

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**Approved Project**

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**Ironsides Animal Health****A2025-0059***Application County: Mason**Date Submitted: 3/10/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$11,519***FUNDING REQUEST**

Ironside Animal Health is requesting \$9,599 in state funds and \$1,920 in county funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to purchase a veterinary ultrasound, tablet, microscope, calf puller, bovine castration tool, and equipment for bull breeding exams for large animal practice. Dr. Boyd will be joining Ironside Animal Health in February as a fulltime mobile food animal veterinarian in Northeast Kentucky.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$15,358 with funding from the following sources:

\$9,599 KADF state funds

\$1,920 Multi county funds

\$3,839 Personal funds

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

Dr. Boyd estimates that 150 farm families will benefit in the first year from this project. Dr. Boyd services clients in Mason, Fleming, Rowan, Robertson, Lewis, Bracken, Harrison, Nicholas, Bourbon, Scott and other counties.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Ironsides Animal Health was approved up to \$9,599 in state funds and \$1,920 in county funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

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**Approved Project**

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**Lowes Produce****A2025-0060***Application County: Calloway**Date Submitted: 3/10/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$3,750***FUNDING REQUEST**

Lowes Produce is requesting \$3,750 in state funds for consultation services to assist with their Food Safety Plan.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to work with a consultant from Coastal Ag Supply to assist in maintaining their Food Safety Plan.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6,600 with funding from the following sources:

\$3,750 KADF state funds

\$2,850 Personal Funds

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Lowes Produce was approved up to \$3,750 in state funds for consultation services to assist with their Food Safety Plan.

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**Approved Project**

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**Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc.****A2025-0061***Application County: Washington**Date Submitted: 3/12/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$3,150***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Washington County Cattlemen's Association is requesting \$3,150 in Washington County funds to purchase a supply trailer for community cooking events.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to purchase a 7' x 14' enclosed supply trailer. The Applicant will use the trailer to store supplies for cooking events.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6,300 with funding from the following sources:

\$3,150 Washington County funds

\$3,150 Washington County Cattlemen's Association

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

This project will impact many producers involved in the Cattlemen's Association. This project will also impact customers attending events.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc was approved up to \$3,150 in Washington County funds to purchase a supply trailer for community cooking events.

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**Approved Project**

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**Grayson County Extension Foundation, Inc****A2025-0062***Application County: Grayson**Date Submitted: 3/12/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$67,900***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Grayson County Extension Foundation is requesting \$67,900 in Grayson County funds to build a multi-program storage facility.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

This project will be a collaborative effort between the Grayson County Extension Office and the Grayson County Cattlemen's Association. Funding will be used to construct a building to store shared-use equipment, trailers, concession items and vehicles. The storage facility will have a drive-through design and an indoor area for freezers and dry goods. The storage facility will be able to house rental items such as the cattle chute, livestock scales and grooming chute in a protected area.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$135,800 with funding from the following sources:

\$67,900 Grayson County funds

\$22,633 Grayson County Extension Foundation

\$22,633 Grayson County Extension District Board

\$22,633 Grayson County Cattlemen's Association

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that all Grayson County producers could benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Grayson County Extension Foundation, Inc was approved up to \$67,900 in Grayson County funds to build a multi-program storage facility.



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**Approved Project**

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**Grain Day, Inc.****A2025-0066***Application County: Daviess**Date Submitted: 3/27/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$10,200***FUNDING REQUEST**

Grain Day Inc is requesting \$10,200 in Daviess County Funds for their Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The applicant plans to host a one-day seminar in the Owensboro Riverpark Center bringing national experts, extension specialists and local resources into one location. Participants in this educational program will receive the latest information in barriers to communication, how to manage the challenge of fair verses equal, and how to manage the implications of current and future taxation related to the estate.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$20,400 with funding from the following sources:

\$10,200 KADF Daviess County Funds (Secured)

\$4,375 Registration fees (Pending)

\$3,500 ANR Program Grant (Pending)

\$2,325 Grain Day Inc (Pending)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant indicates that farm families in over 8 counties will benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Grain Day, Inc was approved up to \$10,200 in Daviess County funds for their Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar.

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**Approved Project**

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**Daviess County Conservation District****A2025-0068***Application County: Daviess**Date Submitted: 3/27/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$10,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Daviess County Soil Conservation District is requesting \$10,000 in Daviess County Funds for the Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Funding will be used to run a youth cost share program for Daviess County youth ages 14-19. This competitive cost share program requires the students to complete a farm business plan describing their project, how items and supplies will be obtained, and are asked to describe their marketing plan. This program will be cost reimbursement for youth focused on agriculture production practices. The maximum reimbursement amount per youth will be \$1,250. Typically, more than 15 youth apply for the program each year.

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

\$ 10,000 KADF Daviess County Funds (Secured)

\$ 10,000 Daviess County Soil Conservation District working capital (Secured)

**PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant indicates that around 8 farm families will benefit from this project.

***Board Decision:***

05/16/2025: Daviess County Conservation District was approved up to \$10,000 in Daviess County funds for the Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program.

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**Approved Project**


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**Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc.****A2025-0088***Application County: \_ALL**Date Submitted: 3/28/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$837,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) is requesting \$837,000 in state funds to continue providing assistance and expand its service offerings to KY agribusinesses.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) is a non-profit organization that provides business advisory services to agribusiness across Kentucky.

The demand for KCARD's services has continued to grow each year. In 2011, the list of clients served numbered 169.

Today, that list has grown to over 3,500.

To continue developing services that meet the needs of their clients, KCARD will introduce two new programs in 2025: Beginning Farmer Mentor Program – KAFC requires all Beginning Farmer loan recipients identify a mentor who will support them in the development of their farming/business operation.

Kentucky AgriLegacy Solutions Program (KASP) – This program will feature technical assistance and educational opportunities for farm business transition and mediation services for USDA and agriculture loans as well as farm family transition.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,103,748 with the following funding sources:

\$837,000 KADB State Funds

\$200,000 USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant (Pending)

\$265,000 Appalachian Regional Food Business Center (Secured)

\$75,000 USDA Farmers Market Promotion (Secured)

\$115,000 KDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure – USDA (Secured)

\$367,000 USDA Certified Mediation Center Grant (Pending)

\$244,748 KCARD Fee-based and Other Grants

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that this project will benefit numerous farm families across the Commonwealth.

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**Board Decision:**


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05/16/2025: Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc was approved up to \$837,000 in state funds to continue providing assistance and expand its services offerings to KY agribusinesses.

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**Approved Project**

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**Mt Vernon Animal Clinic LLC****A2025-0089***Application County: Rockcastle**Date Submitted: 3/26/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$79,352***Funding Request**

Mt Vernon Animal Clinic is requesting \$66,115 in state funds and \$13,237 in Rockcastle County funds to purchase a truck, ultrasound, veterinary bed, electronic ejaculator, and a microscope.

**Application Summary**

Dr. Sarah Rogers Kelley, with Mt Vernon Animal Clinic serves producers in mainly Rockcastle County but will do farm calls within 30 miles of the clinic including Lincoln, Pulaski, Madison, and Laurel counties. The veterinarian has been providing mixed animal medicine to Rockcastle County since 2020 and has provided all mobile services out of a toolbox. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$105,803 with funding from the following:

\$66,115 KADB State Funds

\$13,237 Rockcastle County Funds (Committed)

\$26,451 Mt Vernon Animal Clinic Funds (Secured)

**Projected Producer Impact**

The applicant states that the items needed would help better serve the large animal owners, improve their health, and the productivity of the animals that are in their care. Also, stated that primarily focus on Rockcastle County, but will do farm calls within 30 miles of the clinic including Lincoln, Pulaski, Madison, and Laurel counties.

**Board Decision:**

05/16/2025: Mt Vernon Animal Clinic LLC was approved up to \$66,115 in state funds and \$13,327 in Rockcastle County funds to purchase a truck, ultrasound, veterinary bed, electronic ejaculator, and a microscope.

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**Denied Project**

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**Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.****A2025-0086***Application County: Jessamine**Date Submitted: 3/21/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association is requesting \$10,000 in Jessamine County funds to create a 50/50 cost-share program for farmers liming pastures and hay fields.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Over the years, numerous farmers in Jessamine County have taken advantage of lime being a cost-share item in CAIP. These farmers have seen the positive outcomes from applying lime to their pastures and hay fields and consider it an investment in their operations.

KADB funds will be used to pay farmers for spreading lime on their farms and renting the lime spreader.

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

\$10,000 KADB Jessamine County Funds

\$10,000 Jessamine County Farmers (Pending)

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that numerous farm families in Jessamine County will benefit from this project.

***Committee Recommendation:***

The Application Review Committee recommends denying the request due to lime not being an eligible cost-share item in the 2025 CAIP Guidelines approved by the KADB. They do agree to revisit adding lime as an eligible item during the 2026 Policy & Program Guidelines Revisions process.

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**Denied Project**

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**Community Agricultural And Nutritional Enterprises, Inc.****A2025-0087***Application County: Letcher**Date Submitted: 3/28/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Community, Agricultural, Nutritional, Enterprises Inc (CANE) is requesting \$480,000 in state funds over 2 years to help support the operation of CANE Kitchen in Letcher County.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Community Agricultural Nutritional Enterprises, Inc (CANE) is a non-profit organization rooted in Eastern Kentucky's agricultural heritage. CANE strengthens the local food system by supporting farmers, distributing fresh produce, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. They also address food insecurity through direct assistance and meal programs. Its agricultural initiatives drive economic development by creating jobs, generating opportunities, and delivering value-added food products sold under the Mountain Legend brand.

KADB funds will be used to support the operation and marketing of CANE Kitchen.

In 2017, the applicant was approved for \$150,000 in state funds to expand its commercial kitchen to allow farmers an opportunity to produce value-added products and market locally grown produce (A2017-0002).

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$960,000 with the following funding sources:

\$480,000 KADB State Funds

\$480,000 Revenue & General Operating Match (Pending?)

\$400,000 USDA SFSP (Pending)

\$240,000 Senior Meals (Secured)

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that this project will benefit multiple farm families in Letcher and surrounding counties.

***Committee Recommendation:***

The Application Review Committee recommends denying the request for operating money because they prefer funding capital investments.

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**Denied Project**

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**Farmers Alliance LLC****A2025-0090***Application County: \_ALL**Date Submitted: 3/28/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Farmers Alliance LLC is requesting \$3,350,000 in state funds in the form of a participation loan to establish a Harvest Advance Loan Program for Kentucky farmers.

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Farmers Alliance LLC helps its farmers align their produce crops with customer needs and bridge the gap between small farms and big retailers.

They currently work with 14 farmers across Kentucky. Farmers are faced with cash flow constraints due to normal payments from buyers, like Walmart and Kroger, taking up to 35-40 days after shipping. These delays exacerbate the financial burden farmers experience during the 60-90 day period of field prep, planting, picking, and packing – costs they must cover upfront with no immediate revenue.

To help alleviate these constraints, the Farmers Alliance is seeking funding to establish a Harvest Advance Loan Program for its 14 Kentucky farmers. The loan will be repaid with repayment sourced from produce buyer payments processed through Farmers Alliance, and they anticipate full repayment by January 31, 2026.

KADB funds will be used to provide harvest advances, procure produce boxes, and supply labels/stickers, ensuring farmers can sustain operations and deliver high-quality produce to market.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3,350,000 with the following funding sources:  
\$3,350,000 KADB State Funds – Participation Loan

**PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT**

The applicant states that this project will benefit multiple farm families across the state.

***Committee Recommendation:***

The Application Review Committee recommends denying the request as it was presented and encourages the applicant to brainstorm other ways to obtain the funding.



## Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$4.3 million for projects across the Commonwealth

*Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development*

**FRANKFORT (May 19, 2025)** – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$4,386,001 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

"The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board is committed to strengthening our agricultural economy by investing in diverse projects across the state," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell. "By supporting a wide range of initiatives, we're building a stronger, more resilient future for Kentucky's farm families and rural communities."

### **County and State Funded Projects**

- Bourbon County Fire & Rescue was approved up to \$10,000 in Bourbon County funds to purchase proper grain rescue equipment and training to members of Bourbon County Fire & Rescue. For more information, contact Lloyd E. Campbell at [l.campbell@bourbonky.com](mailto:l.campbell@bourbonky.com).
- Daviess County Conservation District was approved up to \$10,000 in Daviess County funds for the Daviess County Youth Agricultural Production Cost Share Program. For more information, contact Ray Wright at [dccd3032@gmail.com](mailto:dccd3032@gmail.com).
- Grain Day, Inc was approved up to \$10,200 in Daviess County funds for its Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar. For more information, contact Anita Fuqua at [anifuq@bellsouth.net](mailto:anifuq@bellsouth.net).
- Grayson County Extension Foundation, Inc was approved up to \$67,900 in Grayson County funds to build a multi-program storage facility. For more information, contact Whitney Carman at [whitney.carman.edu](mailto:whitney.carman.edu).
- Ironsides Animal Health was approved up to \$9,599 in state funds and \$1,920 in county funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Dr. Grace Boyd at [dr.boyd@heritage.vet](mailto:dr.boyd@heritage.vet).



- Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc was approved up to \$837,000 in state funds to continue providing assistance and expand its services offerings to KY agribusinesses. For more information, contact Brent Lackey at [blackey@kcard.info](mailto:blackey@kcard.info).
- Lowes Produce was approved up to \$3,750 in state funds for consultation services to assist with its Food Safety Plan. For more information, contact Shea Lowe at [lowefarms@gmail.com](mailto:lowefarms@gmail.com).
- Mt. Vernon Animal Clinic LLC was approved up to \$66,115 in state funds and \$13,237 in Rockcastle County funds to purchase a truck, ultrasound, veterinary bed, electronic ejaculator, and a microscope. For more information, contact Sarah Rogers Kelley at [mtvernonanimalclinic@gmail.com](mailto:mtvernonanimalclinic@gmail.com).
- Olmstead Rural Fire Department was approved up to \$20,500 in multi-county funds to purchase grain rescue equipment to utilize for grain entrapment emergencies. For more information, contact Dan Kemp at [chief@olmsteadfire.com](mailto:chief@olmsteadfire.com).
- Washington County Cattlemen Association, Inc was approved up to \$3,150 in Washington County funds to purchase a supply trailer for community cooking events. For more information, contact Taylor Smith at [taylor@springfieldstate.bank](mailto:taylor@springfieldstate.bank).

## **County Programs**

### **County Agricultural Incentives 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 incentive 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.

Twenty-nine CAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties totaling \$3,134,880:

- Ballard (\$98,000)\*
- Boyd (\$63,600)
- Butler (\$87,082)
- Campbell (\$30,577)
- Carroll (\$132,940)
- Casey (\$220,000)\*
- Clark (\$135,000)
- Daviess (\$100,000)
- Grayson (\$250,000)
- Harrison (\$270,011)
- Henderson (\$40,000)
- Henry (\$20,000)
- Hopkins (\$60,000)
- Jessamine (\$100,000)
- Magoffin (\$105,000)

- Marion (\$145,000)
- McLean (\$20,000)
- Meade (\$62,628)
- Montgomery (\$120,000)\*
- Morgan (\$159,080)
- Muhlenberg (\$38,757)
- Oldham (\$76,320)
- Owen (\$275,000)\*
- Powell (\$42,509)
- Spencer (\$120,000)
- Trimble (\$172,676)
- Union (\$30,000)
- Wayne (\$140,000)
- Webster (\$20,700)

#### **Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)**

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.

Four DARs were approved by the board in following counties totaling \$37,500:

- Bracken (\$2,500)
- Clark (\$15,000)
- Harrison (\$7,500)
- Montgomery (\$12,500)

#### **Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)**

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Eleven YAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties, totaling \$160,250:

- Carroll (\$15,000)
- Clark (\$40,000)
- Henderson (\$10,000)
- McLean (\$5,000)
- Ohio (\$10,000)
- Oldham (\$20,000)
- Powell (\$3,000)
- Shelby (\$12,250)
- Trimble (\$20,000)
- Wayne (\$15,000)
- Webster (\$10,000)

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

\*Existing programs receiving additional funding.

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