



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



September 12, 2025

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural
Finance Corporation Board

September 19, 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
September	Friday, September 12, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 22, 2025
October	Friday, October 10, 2025-Joint Meeting	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
June	Friday, June 19, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 22, 2026
July	Friday, July 17, 2026	Kentucky Historical Society- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 19, 2026
August	Friday, August 14, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 17, 2026
September	Friday, September 11, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 21, 2026



September Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender
Ag Infrastructure	McCracken	Beef	\$43,688.00	\$102,795.00	FNB Bank Inc,
Ag Infrastructure	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$5,136,500.00	FNB Bank Inc,
Ag Infrastructure	Mercer	Grain	\$47,000.00	\$114,000.00	Field and Main Bank, Inc Planters
Ag Infrastructure	Christian	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$3,073,100.00	Bank Inc
Ag Infrastructure	Webster	Grain	\$55,000.00	\$110,000.00	Farmers Bank and Trust Farmers
Ag Infrastructure	Caldwell	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	Bank and Trust
Ag Infrastructure	Daviess	Beef	\$140,000.00	\$435,000.00	First Financial Bank
Ag Infrastructure	Cumberland	Beef	\$38,750.00	\$77,500.00	Farm Credit Mid America River
Ag Infrastructure	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$3,430,000.00	Valley Ag Credit
Ag Processing	Nelson	Ag Processing	\$40,000.00	\$80,500.00	Town and Country Bank and Trust
Beginning Farmer	Logan	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,978,654.00	Farm Credit Mid America Farm
Beginning Farmer	Hardin	Beef	\$172,000.00	\$688,000.00	Credit Mid America United Citizens
Beginning Farmer	Henry	Horticulture	\$175,000.00	\$350,000.00	Bank & Trust Co Central Kentucky Ag
Beginning Farmer	Jessamine	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$725,000.00	Credit Central Kentucky Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Shelby	Forage	\$244,625.00	\$792,428.00	Farm Credit Mid America Bank
Beginning Farmer	Logan	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$1,235,000.00	Columbia
Beginning Farmer	Wayne	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$735,000.00	South Central Bank
Beginning Farmer	Barren	Beef	\$56,000.00	\$132,000.00	

Beginning Farmer	Scott	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	Central Kentucky Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Barren	Beef	\$107,500.00	\$215,000.00	South Central Bank
Total			\$3,369,563.00	\$21,110,477.00	



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$3.3 million in loans

Financing bolsters beef, horticulture, poultry, and grain farmers across the state

FRANKFORT (Sept. 12, 2025) – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 20 agricultural loans totaling \$3,369,563 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Nine Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$1,324,438 were approved. Loan recipients were in Caldwell (\$250,000), Christian (\$250,000), Cumberland (\$38,750), Daviess (\$140,000), Graves (\$250,000 and \$250,000), McCracken (\$43,688), Mercer (\$47,000), and Webster (\$55,000) 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)

One Agricultural Processing loan for \$40,000 was approved in Nelson County.

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)

Ten Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,005,125 were approved. Loan recipients were in Barren (\$56,000 and \$107,500), Hardin (\$172,000), Henry (\$175,000), Jessamine (\$250,000), Logan (\$250,000 and \$250,000), Scott (\$250,000), Shelby (\$244,625), and Wayne (\$250,000) 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 KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or 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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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
June	Friday, June 19, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 29, 2026
July	Friday, July 17, 2026-Joint Meeting	Kentucky Historical Society-Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 26, 2026
August	Friday, August 14, 2026	Kentucky State Fair-Louisville, KY	Friday, July 24, 2026
September	Friday, September 18, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 28, 2026

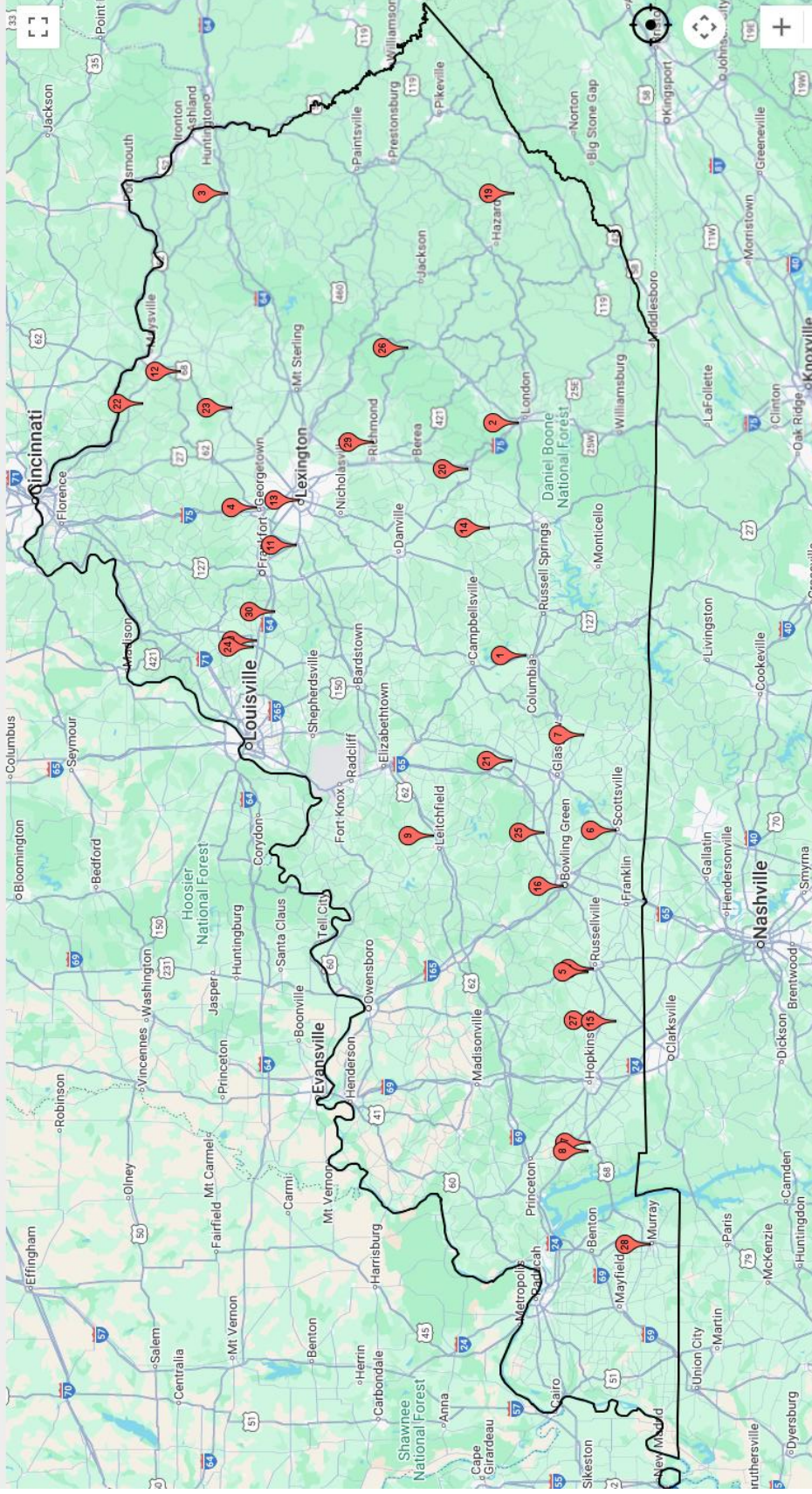
Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program						
# of Projects	App #	Applicant	Description	County \$	State \$	Total
1	A2025-0154	Animal Care Veterinary Centers	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 12,038.00	\$ 60,191.00	\$ 72,229.00
2	A2024-0232	Animal House Veterinary Clinic	TRUCK	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
3	A2025-0025	Bluegrass Animal Clinic	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 9,838.00	\$ 49,188.00	\$ 59,026.00
4	A2024-0039	Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic	BSE EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,977.00	\$ -	\$ 2,977.00
5	A2024-0085	Cornerstone Veterinary Services	TRUCK, VET BOX, HANDLING FACILITIES	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	\$ 100,000.00
6	A2023-0229	Creek Veterinary Services, PLLC	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 10,091.00	\$ 50,454.00	\$ 60,545.00
7	A2025-0122	Creekside Veterinary Clinic, LLC	LARGE ANIMAL HAUL IN FACILITY	\$ 11,056.00	\$ 55,280.00	\$ 66,336.00
8	A2023-0145	Critter Care Vet Clinic, LLC	BLOOD CHEMISTRY ANALYZER	\$ 4,512.00	\$ 22,560.00	\$ 27,072.00
9	A2024-0047	Davis Veterinary Services	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 17,496.00	\$ 69,985.00	\$ 87,481.00
10	A2024-0015	Dr. Alexander Glenn Hagan	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 4,587.00	\$ 22,934.00	\$ 27,521.00
11	A2024-0230	Dr. Benjamin Stivers	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 13,262.00	\$ 66,310.00	\$ 79,572.00
12	A2025-0018	Dr. Boyd (Ironsides Animal Health)	TRUCK	\$ 4,713.00	\$ 23,564.00	\$ 28,277.00
13	A2024-0219	Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services	EQUINE DENTAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 2,250.00
14	A2024-0110	Eubank Veterinary Clinic	LARGE ANIMAL HAUL IN FACILITY	\$ 7,566.00	\$ 37,829.00	\$ 45,395.00
15	A2023-0249	Frontier Veterinary Services, LLC	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	\$ 100,000.00
16	A2024-0192	Legacy Mobile Veterinary Services	X-RAY & ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,205.00	\$ 36,025.00	\$ 43,230.00
17	A2023-0062	Little River Veterinary Clinic, LLC	LARGE ANIMAL HANDLING FACILITY	\$ 9,788.00	\$ 48,936.00	\$ 58,724.00
18	A2024-0070	Logan Bethel Veterinary Services, LLC	LARGE ANIMAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,070.00	\$ 80,353.00	\$ 96,423.00
19	A2024-0240	Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC	ULTRASOUND & HANDLING EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,934.00	\$ 14,730.00	\$ 17,664.00
20	A2025-0089	Mt Vernon Animal Clinic	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 13,237.00	\$ 66,115.00	\$ 79,352.00
21	A2023-0125	Pike Veterinary Services, LLC	PURCHASE OF PRACTICE	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	\$ 100,000.00
22	A2023-0230	Raymer Veterinary Services, PLLC	TRUCK, VET BOX & BUILDING	\$ 16,267.00	\$ 81,333.00	\$ 97,600.00
23	A2024-0018	Sadler Vet and Embryo Service	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 12,379.00	\$ 56,733.00	\$ 69,112.00
24	A2024-0202	Shelby Veterinary Services, PLLC	ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,807.00	\$ 19,033.00	\$ 22,840.00
25	A2023-0247	Thomas Veterinary Services, P.L.C.	Truck, vet box & handling facilities	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 99,000.00
26	A2024-0247	Three Rivers Vet Services, PLLC	TRUCK	\$ 9,375.00	\$ 46,875.00	\$ 56,250.00
27	A2023-0157	Todd County Animal Clinic, PLLC	LARGE ANIMAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,668.00	\$ 83,332.00	\$ 100,000.00
28	A2024-0002	Veterinary Medical Center of Murray, LLC	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,642.00	\$ 63,208.00	\$ 75,850.00
29	A2025-0032	W&W Veterinary Services, PLLC	LARGE ANIMAL HANDLING FACILITY	\$ 11,041.00	\$ 55,200.00	\$ 66,241.00
30	A2024-0198	Wonderlich Veterinary Services, PLLC	ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 12,790.00	\$ 15,347.00
31	A2023-0146	Madelyn Orem	INTEREST IN TODD COUNTY CLINIC	\$ 16,668.00	\$ 83,332.00	\$ 100,000.00
32	A2024-0040	Ironsides Animal Health	EQUIPMENT FOR MOBILE PRACTICE	\$ 5,506.00	\$ 27,529.00	\$ 33,035.00
33	A2025-0059	Ironsides Animal Health	EQUIPMENT FOR MOBILE PRACTICE	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 9,599.00	\$ 11,519.00

Total County \$	Total State \$	Total \$
\$ 333,076.00	\$ 1,627,792.00	\$ 1,960,868.00

KADF Large Animal Veterinarians

Kentucky Large and Food Animal Veterinarians who have received funding from KADF as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

Name or Location



Name

- 1 Animal Care Veterinary Centers
- 2 Animal House Veterinary Clinic
- 3 Bluegrass Animal Clinic, LLC
- 4 Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic
- 5 Cornerstone Veterinary Services
- 6 Creek Veterinary Services, PLLC
- 7 Creekside Veterinary Clinic, LLC
- 8 Critter Care Vet Clinic
- 9 Davis Veterinary Services
- 10 Dr. Alexander Hagan / Ironsides Animal Health
- 11 Dr. Benjamin Stivers
- 12 Dr. Grace Boyd (Iron Sides Animal Health)
- 13 Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC
- 14 Eubank Veterinary Clinic
- 15 Frontier Veterinary Services, LLC
- 16 Legacy Mobile Veterinary Services
- 17 Little River Veterinary Clinic
- 18 Logan Bethel Veterinary Services, LLC
- 19 Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC
- 20 Mt Vernon Animal Clinic
- 21 Pike Veterinary Services, LLC
- 22 Raymer Veterinary Services, PLLC
- 23 Sadler Vet and Embryo Services
- 24 Shelby Veterinary Clinic PLLC
- 25 Thomas Veterinary Services, PLLC
- 26 Three Rivers Vet Services PLLC
- 27 Todd County Animal Clinic, PLLC
- 28 Veterinary Medical Center of Murray, LLC
- 29 W&W Veterinary Services, PLLC
- 30 Wonderlich Veterinary Services, PLLC

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Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2025-0054 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Washington County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$120,000
Execution Date	04/29/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$88,600 in Washington County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$208,600.

Recommend Approval

App #	A2025-0056 (YAIP)
Applicant Name	Washington County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$20,000
Execution Date	04/29/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$14,500 in Washington County funds for the <i>YAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$34,500.

Recommend Approval

App #	A2025-0076 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Johnson County Agricultural Advancement Council, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$68,000
Execution Date	05/07/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$32,250 in Johnson County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$100,250.

Recommend Approval

Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2025-0104 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Clark County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$135,000
Execution Date	05/28/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$15,000 in Clark County funds for the <i>CAIP Program</i>. The request received a <u>high</u> 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 \$150,000. Recommend Approval

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0148	Graves County Conservation District	Fulton	State	\$46,000.00
A2025-0209	Edmonson Co Cattleman Association Inc.	Edmonson		\$50,000.00
A2025-0218	Shelby County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Shelby		\$320,000.00
A2025-0219	Marshall County Conservation District	Livingston	State	\$71,838.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 4				\$487,838.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0216	Washington County Fiscal Court	Washington		\$15,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$15,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0214	Washington County Conservation District	Washington		\$11,625.00
A2025-0215	Washington County Farm Bureau, Inc.	Washington		\$8,000.00
A2025-0222	Estill County Conservation District	Estill		\$12,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 3				\$31,625.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0208	Edmonson County 4-H Club LLC	Edmonson		\$10,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$10,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$544,463.00**

Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	AMOUNT APPROVED	AMOUNT DISPERSED	REMAINING LOAN BALANCE
A2025-0185	Futrell Farms, Inc. <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
A2025-0186	Furnwood Farm, LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Harrison	\$50,000.00		
A2025-0192	RJC Farm, LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Graves	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
A2025-0195	Cornett Enterprises, LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Laurel	\$250,000.00	\$231,016.00	\$231,016.00
A2025-0198	Berkshire Farms LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Gallatin	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
A2025-0200	Lowes Produce <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
A2025-0212	Fraser Farms <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$250,000.00	\$177,159.00	\$177,159.00
A2025-0213	Tommy Farms <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$152,250.00		
Total State Funds Approved for Program			\$1,287,250.00		

Approved Project

Organic Association of Kentucky**A2025-0156***Application County: _ALL**Date Submitted: 5/30/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$209,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

The Organic Association of Kentucky is requesting \$425,000 in state funds over a two-year period to support 3 core OAK programs.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The Organic Association of Kentucky is a non-profit founded in 2010 that works to advance sustainable and organic farming practices in Kentucky.

Funds will support their Farmer Education Program, Production Technical Assistance Program and Marketing & Outreach Program.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,129,750 with the following funding sources:

\$425,000	KADB State Funds (Requested)
\$82,000	USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program with KHC (Secured)
\$255,800	USDA Transition to Organic Partnership Program (Secured)
\$42,300	USDA Conservation Outreach (Secured)
\$70,650	USDA – Farmers Market Promotion Program (Pending)
\$60,000	Community Foundation of Louisville (Secured)
\$32,000	Membership Dues (Secured)
\$60,000	Service Fees (Secured)
\$52,000	Registration Income (Pending)
\$50,000	Sponsor Income (Pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that approximately 500 farm families will benefit directly from this project.

Board Decision:

09.19.2025: Organic Association of Kentucky was approved up to \$209,000 in state funds for one year to support three core OAK programs.

Approved Project

Joseph Dale Bentley**A2025-0207***Application County: Lewis**Date Submitted: 7/25/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$51,300***FUNDING REQUEST:**

Joseph Dale Bentley is requesting \$51,300 in State funds for the construction and expansion of a small ruminant facility.

APPLICANT SUMMARY:

The applicant plans to construct and expand their operation to meet the needs of their customers. The facility will allow them to double their own production within the first year and to purchase more animals from local producers. The facility is designed to hold an additional 60-100 animals depending on size, that will allow for pre-quarantined for export and to maximize animal health and welfare.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$102,600 with the following funding sources:

\$51,300 KADB State Funds (Requested)

\$25,000 Personal Account (Secured)

\$26,300 First Guarantee Bank (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT:

The applicant states that approximately 20-30 small farm families will benefit annually from this project from at least 7 counties.

Board Decision:

09.19.2025: Joseph Dale Bentley was approved up to \$51,300 in state funds for the construction and expansion of a small ruminant facility.

Project Recommendations No Funding

Graves County Conservation District**A2025-0196****Application County:** Calloway**County Priority:** Low

Sarah Charles

Project Summary:

CAIP SUMMARY
FUNDING \$0 (NOT FUNDED)

PRO-RATE Yes, only ties

MIN. SCORE 44

RETROACTIVITY Yes, 6 months

EVERY OTHER YEAR Yes

PRODUCER INVESTMENT
\$4,000 Maximum Producer Limit
\$4,000 Primary Focus Area
\$N/A Secondary Focus Area
Producer Maximum

Primary:
Ag Diversification
AgTech & Leadership Development
Animal, Large
Animal, Small
Farm Infrastructure
Fencing & On-Farm Water
Forage & Grain Improvement
Innovative Ag Systems
On-Farm Energy
Poultry & Other Fowl
Value-Added & Marketing

Secondary:
N/A

Committee Recommendation:

Staff recommends not funding this program due to the Calloway County Agricultural Development Council assigning a low priority and not committing county funds to this application.

Project Recommendations No Funding

West Kentucky Alliance for a Vibrant Economy, Inc.

A2025-0206

Application County: *Ballard*

County Priority: *Not Applicable*

Rebecca Besok

Project Summary:

FUNDING REQUEST

WAVE Ag is requesting \$20,000 in Multi-County Funds and \$500,000 in state funds for the development of a new drone.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to collaborate with Sprig Aerospace, LLC to further develop an Aerial Applicator Drone, with the ability to carry 3-4 times the payload and endurance of any competitor in the market.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,260,000 with the following funding sources:

\$20,000 KADB Multi-County Funds (Requested)

\$500,000 KADB State Funds (Requested)

\$125,000 Investment (Secured)

\$600,000 Investment (Secured)

\$15,000 WAVE AG Partner Program (Pending/Committed)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 10 farm families will be impacted by the project.

Committee Recommendation:

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends not funding the applicant's request of \$520,000 in multi-county and state funds for the development of a new drone.



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$950,000 for projects across the Commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

FRANKFORT (Sept. 19, 2025) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$955,113 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

"Projects, like the ones approved today, serve to strengthen the agricultural framework that makes up our communities and our state," Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. "The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board is working to grow our economy by diversifying our agricultural base, benefiting all of Kentucky."

County and State Funded Projects

- Joseph Dale Bentley was approved up to \$51,300 in state funds for the construction and expansion of a small ruminant facility. For more information, contact Joseph D. Bentley at joebentley@hotmail.com.
- Organic Association of Kentucky was approved up to \$209,000 in state funds for one year to support three core OAK programs. For more information, contact Brooke D. Gentile at brooke@oak-ky.org.

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.

Seven CAIPs, totaling \$623,688, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Clark (\$15,000)*

- Edmonson (\$50,000)
- Fulton (\$46,000)
- Johnson (\$32,250)*
- Livingston (\$71,838)
- Shelby (\$320,000)
- Washington (\$88,600)*

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.

One DAR was approved by the board totaling \$15,000 in Washington County.

Shared-Use Equipment Program

The Shared-Use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis.

Three Shared-Use Equipment Programs, totaling \$31,625, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Estill (\$12,000)
- Washington (\$8,000 and \$11,625)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Two YAIPs, totaling \$24,500, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Edmonson (\$10,000)
- Washington (\$14,500)*

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

* Existing programs receiving additional funding

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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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