



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



November 14, 2025

Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural
Finance Corporation Board

November 21, 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
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 -Joint Meeting	Kentucky Historical Society- Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 29, 2026
July	Friday, July 10, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 19, 2026
August	Friday, August 14, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, July 24, 2026
September	Friday, September 11, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, August 21, 2026
October	Friday, October 9, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 18, 2026
November	Friday, November 13, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office- Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 16, 2026



November Approved Loans

Program	County	Enterprise	Amount Approved	Total Project Cost	Lender
Ag Infrastructure	Trigg	Equine	\$130,000.00	\$300,000.00	Farmers Bank
Ag Infrastructure	Webster	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$4,169,000.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Ag Infrastructure	Webster	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$359,067.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Ag Infrastructure	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$3,850,000.00	River Valley Ag Credit
Ag Infrastructure	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$3,208,000.00	River Valley Ag Credit
Ag Infrastructure	Caldwell	Dairy	\$250,000.00	\$1,245,000.00	Farmers Bank
Beginning Farmer	Ohio	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$595,000.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Ohio	Grain	\$250,000.00	\$600,000.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Hickman	Grain	\$249,280.00	\$498,569.00	Clinton Bank
Beginning Farmer	Fleming	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$750,000.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Breckinridge	Beef	\$90,750.00	\$181,500.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Breckinridge	Beef	\$202,400.00	\$410,800.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Mercer	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	Community Trust Bank
Beginning Farmer	Washington	Beef	\$162,705.00	\$650,820.00	Farm Credit Mid America
Beginning Farmer	Graves	Poultry	\$250,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	River Valley Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Mercer	Forage	\$152,000.00	\$304,000.00	Central Kentucky Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Caldwell	Dairy	\$125,000.00	\$250,000.00	Farmers Bank
Beginning Farmer	Woodford	Equine	\$250,000.00	\$1,090,000.00	Central Kentucky Ag Credit
Beginning Farmer	Monroe	Beef	\$250,000.00	\$777,500.00	Bank of Columbia
Total			\$4,112,135.00	\$23,089,256.00	



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$4.1 million in loans

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

FRANKFORT (Nov. 14, 2025) – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 19 agricultural loans totaling \$4,112,135 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Six Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$1,380,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Caldwell (\$250,000), Graves (\$250,000 and \$250,000), Trigg (\$130,000), and Webster (\$250,000 and \$250,000) 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.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Thirteen Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,732,135 were approved. Loan recipients were in Breckinridge (\$90,750 and \$202,400), Caldwell (\$125,000), Fleming (\$250,000), Graves (\$250,000), Green (\$250,000), Hickman (\$249,280), Mercer (\$152,000 and \$250,000), Ohio (\$250,000 and \$250,000), Washington (\$162,705), and Woodford (\$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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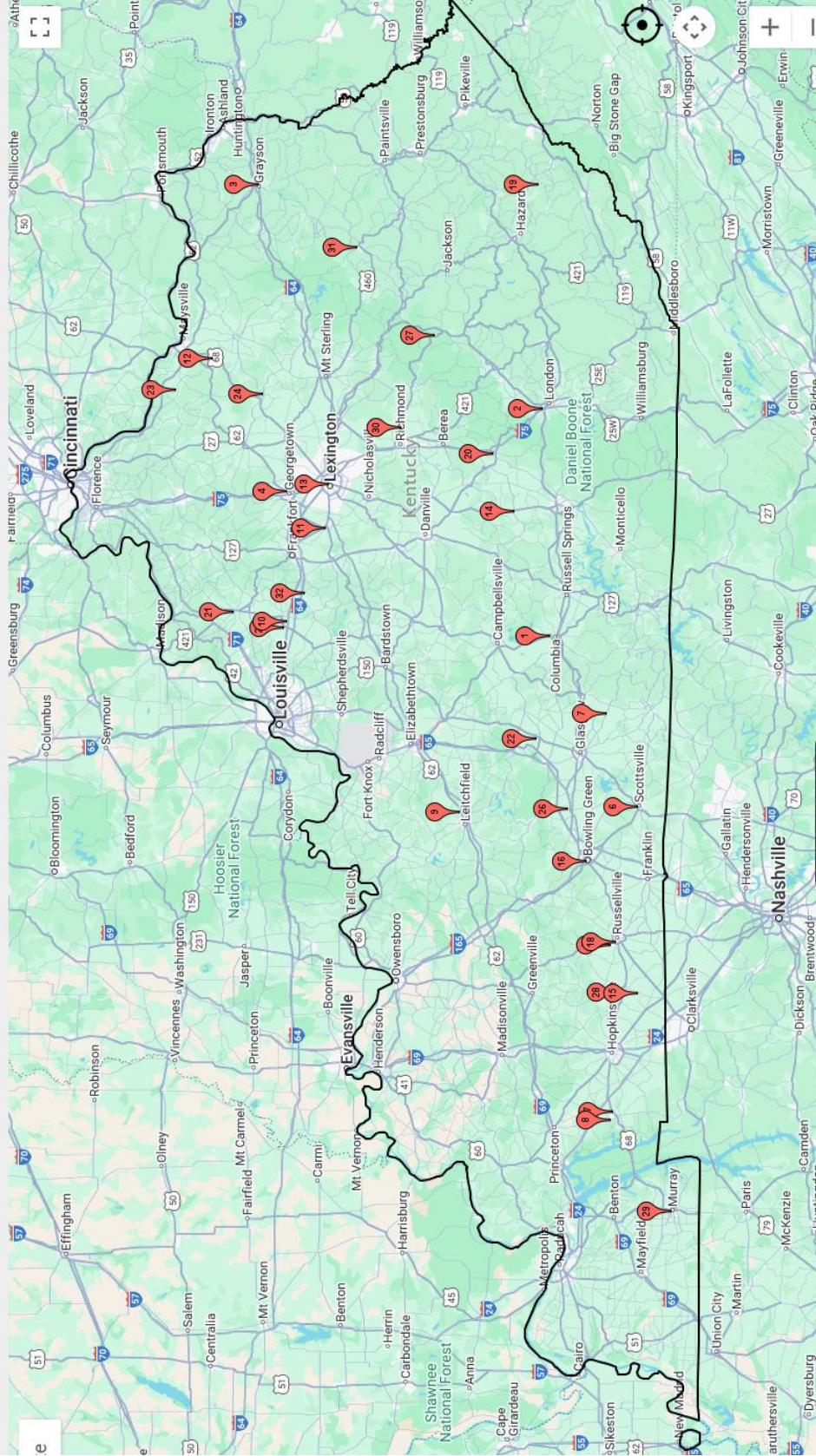
Month	KADB Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
November	Friday, November 21, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 24, 2025
December	Friday, December 19, 2025	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Monday, December 1, 2025
January	Friday, January 16, 2026	Franklin 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 20, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, February 28, 2026
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-Joint Meeting	Kentucky Historical Society-Frankfort, KY	Friday, May 29, 2026
July	Friday, July 17, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, June 26, 2026
August	Friday, August 21, 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
October	Friday, October 16, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, September 25, 2026
November	Friday, November 20, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Friday, October 23, 2026

Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program						
# of Projects	App #	Applicant	Description	County \$	State \$	Status
1	A2025-0154	Animal Care Veterinary Centers	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 12,038.00	\$ 60,191.00	Approved
2	A2024-0232	Animal House Veterinary Clinic	TRUCK	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	Approved
3	A2025-0025	Bluegrass Animal Clinic	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 9,838.00	\$ 49,188.00	Approved
4	A2024-0039	Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic	BSE EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,977.00	\$ -	Approved
5	A2024-0085	Cornerstone Veterinary Services	TRUCK, VET BOX, HANDLING FACILITIES	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	Approved
6	A2023-0229	Creek Veterinary Services, PLLC	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 10,091.00	\$ 50,454.00	Approved
7	A2025-0122	Creekside Veterinary Clinic, LLC	LARGE ANIMAL HAUL IN FACILITY	\$ 11,056.00	\$ 55,280.00	Approved
8	A2023-0145	Critter Care Vet Clinic, LLC	BLOOD CHEMISTRY ANALYZER	\$ 4,512.00	\$ 22,560.00	Approved
9	A2024-0047	Davis Veterinary Services	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 17,496.00	\$ 69,985.00	Approved
10	A2024-0015	Dr. Alexander Glenn Hagan	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 4,587.00	\$ 22,934.00	Approved
11	A2024-0230	Dr. Benjamin Stivers	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 13,262.00	\$ 66,310.00	Approved
12	A2025-0018	Dr. Boyd (Ironside Animal Health)	TRUCK	\$ 4,713.00	\$ 23,564.00	Approved
13	A2024-0219	Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services	EQUINE DENTAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,875.00	Approved
14	A2024-0110	Eubank Veterinary Clinic	LARGE ANIMAL HAUL IN FACILITY	\$ 7,566.00	\$ 37,829.00	Approved
15	A2023-0249	Frontier Veterinary Services, LLC	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	Approved
16	A2024-0192	Legacy Mobile Veterinary Services	X-RAY & ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,205.00	\$ 36,025.00	Approved
17	A2023-0062	Little River Veterinary Clinic, LLC	LARGE ANIMAL HANDLING FACILITY	\$ 9,788.00	\$ 48,936.00	Approved
18	A2024-0070	Logan Bethel Veterinary Services, LLC	LARGE ANIMAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,070.00	\$ 80,353.00	Approved
19	A2024-0240	Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC	ULTRASOUND & HANDLING EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,934.00	\$ 14,730.00	Approved
20	A2025-0089	Mt Vernon Animal Clinic	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 13,237.00	\$ 66,115.00	Approved
21	A2025-0226	Owen County Animal Clinic	Large animal Facility	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	Pending
22	A2023-0125	Pike Veterinary Services, LLC	PURCHASE OF PRACTICE	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	Approved
23	A2023-0230	Raymer Veterinary Services, PLLC	TRUCK, VET BOX & BUILDING	\$ 16,267.00	\$ 81,333.00	Approved
24	A2024-0018	Sadler Vet and Embryo Service	TRUCK AND VET BOX	\$ 12,379.00	\$ 56,733.00	Approved
25	A2024-0202	Shelby Veterinary Services, PLLC	ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,807.00	\$ 19,033.00	Approved
26	A2023-0247	Thomas Veterinary Services, P.L.C.	Truck, vet box & handling facilities	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 82,500.00	Approved
27	A2024-0247	Three Rivers Vet Services, PLLC	TRUCK	\$ 9,375.00	\$ 46,875.00	Approved
28	A2023-0157	Todd County Animal Clinic, PLLC	LARGE ANIMAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,668.00	\$ 83,332.00	Approved
29	A2024-0002	Veterinary Medical Center of Murray, LLC	TRUCK, VET BOX, EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,642.00	\$ 63,208.00	Approved
30	A2025-0032	W&W Veterinary Services, PLLC	LARGE ANIMAL HANDLING FACILITY	\$ 11,041.00	\$ 55,200.00	Approved
31	A2025-0232	west Liberty Veterinary Clinic Operations LLC	Large animal handling facility	\$ 16,667.00	\$ 83,333.00	New
32	A2024-0198	Wonderlich Veterinary Services, PLLC	ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 12,790.00	Approved
33	A2023-0146	Madelyn Orem	INTEREST IN TODD COUNTY CLINIC	\$ 16,668.00	\$ 83,332.00	Approved
34	A2024-0040	Ironside Animal Health	EQUIPMENT FOR MOBILE PRACTICE	\$ 5,506.00	\$ 27,529.00	Approved
35	A2025-0059	Ironside Animal Health	EQUIPMENT FOR MOBILE PRACTICE	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 9,599.00	Approved
Total County \$				Total State \$	Total \$	
\$ 366,410.00				\$ 1,794,458.00	\$ 2,160,868.00	

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 Owen County Animal Clinic
22 Pike Veterinary Services, LLC
23 Raymer Veterinary Services, PLLC
24 Sadler Vet and Embryo Services
25 Shelby Veterinary Clinic PLLC
26 Thomas Veterinary Services, PLLC
27 Three Rivers Vet Services PLLC
28 Todd County Animal Clinic, PLLC
29 Veterinary Medical Center of Murray, LLC
30 W&W Veterinary Services, PLLC
31 West Liberty Veterinary Clinic Operations LLC
32 Wonderlich Veterinary Services, PLLC

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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	\$0.00	\$0.00
A2025-0192	RJC Farm, LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Graves	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$14,732.00
A2025-0195	Cornett Enterprises, LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Laurel	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$62,818.08
A2025-0198	Berkshire Farms LLC <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Gallatin	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
A2025-0200	Lowes Produce <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$63,494.00
A2025-0212	Fraser Farms <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$250,000.00	\$245,419.00	\$245,419.00
A2025-0213	Tommy Farms <i>Pilot KADF Horticulture Incentives Loan Program</i>	Calloway	\$152,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:			\$1,287,250.00	\$1,080,419.00	\$636,463.08

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0240	Menifee County Beef Producers, Inc.	Menifee		\$81,644.00
A2025-0241	Hardin County Conservation District	Hardin		\$100,000.00
A2025-0242	Northern Kentucky Cattle Association, Inc.	Boone		\$117,046.00
A2025-0243	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming		\$200,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 4				\$498,690.00

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0244	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming		\$30,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$30,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0246	Barren County Conservation District	Barren		\$26,063.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$26,063.00

Youth Ag Incentives Program (YAIP)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0245	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming		\$25,000.00
A2025-0251	Nicholas County Conservation District	Nicholas		\$21,200.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 2				\$46,200.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$600,953.00**

Requested Program Amendments

App #	A2025-0085 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Jessamine County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$100,000
Execution Date	06/06/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$70,000 in Jessamine 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 \$170,000.

Recommend Approval

App #	A2025-0100 (YAIP)
Applicant Name	Wayne County Agriculture Development Council, Inc.
Original Amount Approved	\$15,000
Execution Date	06/02/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$15,000 in Wayne 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 \$30,000.

Recommend Approval

App #	A2025-0149 (CAIP)
Applicant Name	Nicholas County Conservation District
Original Amount Approved	\$218,343
Execution Date	07/21/2025
Requested Change	The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$37,800 in Nicholas 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 \$256,134.

Recommend Approval

Approved Project

Kentucky State University**A2025-0233***Application County: Franklin**Date Submitted: 9/26/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$1,400,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Kentucky State University (KSU) is requesting \$1,400,000 in state funds over a 2 year period (2026-2027) to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help the producers across the state.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Since 2012, Kentucky State University (KSU) has provided assistance and mini-grants to the small-scale farmers statewide in various areas such as, Organic Agriculture, Value-Added Products, Farmer Educational Support, Agroforestry / Specialty crops, Emerging Agricultural Technologies, Food Systems Resiliency, and Beginning Beekeeper. KADB funds will be used for salaries, demonstration systems, mini grants to farmers, educational programs, and travel.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,805,000 with the following funding sources:

\$1,400,000 KADB Funds

\$1,405,000 KSU Federal Funds

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that based on the data from all of the Grant cycles, KSU has distributed \$5,058,625.86 in funds to stakeholders for 1,450 projects across the commonwealth.

Board Decision:

11/21/2025: Kentucky State University was approved up to \$1,400,000 in state funds over a two-year period to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help the producers across the state.

Approved Project

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Foundation, Inc.**A2025-0237***Application County: Woodford**Date Submitted: 9/26/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$63,200***FUNDING REQUEST:**

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Foundation, Inc. is requesting \$63,200 in State funds to develop and implement a comprehensive certification program for meat processing.

APPLICANT SUMMARY:

Participants will include individuals who are members of the Kentucky Association of Meat Processors manufacturing facilities. The certification program has been designed with both classroom and hands-on components and the curriculum has been structured into a 6-month training model, offering both flexibility and depth. Meat processing facilities across the state can send their hires for training and education. The goal of this program is to create work-ready individuals and increase training.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$124,200 with the following funding sources:

\$63,200 KADB state funds

\$61,000 KCTCS TRAINS Funding (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT:

The applicant states that this statewide project is expected to directly and indirectly impact approximately 3,000 to 5,000 Kentucky farm families.

Board Decision:

11/21/2025: Kentucky Community and Technical College System Foundation, Inc was approved up to \$63,200 in state funds to develop and implement a comprehensive certification program for meat processing.

Approved Project

University of Kentucky Research Foundation**A2025-0239***Application County: Fayette**Date Submitted: 9/26/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$181,952***FUNDING REQUEST**

The University of Kentucky Research Foundation is requesting \$363,903 in state funds over a two-year period to support the state's Viticulture and Enology Extension Program.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant indicates UK will continue research focused on vineyard management and winery techniques specific to varieties known to thrive in Kentucky and newly released varieties. The applicant plans to help growers maneuver different field variations, by teaching adapting wine styles for those variations that are needed. The applicant plans to focus on a breeding program for Kentucky vineyards, adapting vineyard practices to EPA restrictions, expanding the Norton Market, cider apple expansion, and vineyard expansion and industry growth research. The applicant's goal is to sell 400 cases of wine through wholesale channels and 50 cases of wine direct to consumers through their website. The UK Research Foundation has received funds for the State Viticulture and Enology Extension Program in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022 and 2024. The total KADF received is \$2,578,154.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$727,806 with funding from the following sources:

\$363,903 KADF State Funds (Requested)

\$196,507 UK Faculty Salaries & Fringe (secured)

\$167,396 Uncovered Indirect Cost (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates that there are 74 wineries, more than 200 individual grape producers, approximately 300 acres of grapes and cider apples, both established and in development, will benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

11/21/2025: University of Kentucky Research Foundation was approved up \$181,952 in state funds over a two-year period to support the state's Viticulture and Enology Extension Program.



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

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

FRANKFORT (Nov. 21, 2025) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,368,905 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

"A thriving agricultural community is achieved through a rich diversification of agricultural products," Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. "The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board is working to create greater diversification through projects like those approved today. The work the board does strengthens the fabric of our farms, our farm families, and our state."

County and State Funded Projects

- Kentucky Community and Technical College System Foundation, Inc., was approved up to \$63,200 in state funds to develop and implement a comprehensive certification program for meat processing. For more information, contact Emily Sayers at emily.sayers@kctcs.edu.
- Kentucky State University was approved up to \$1,400,000 in state funds over a two-year period to aid in continuing its KSU Mini-Grant Program to help the producers across the state. For more information, contact Dorothy Daley at dorothy.daley@kysu.edu.
- University of Kentucky Research Foundation was approved up \$181,952 in state funds over a one-year period to support the state's Viticulture and Enology Extension Program. For more information, contact Patsy Wilson at patsy.wilson@uky.edu.

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.

Six CAIPs, totaling \$606,490, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Boone (\$117,046)
- Fleming (\$200,000)
- Hardin (\$100,000)
- Jessamine (\$70,000)*
- Menifee (\$81,644)
- Nicholas (\$37,800)*

Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)

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

One NextGen was approved by the board totaling \$30,000 in Fleming 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.

One Shared-Use Equipment Program, was approved by the board totaling \$26,063 in Barren County.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Three YAIPs, totaling \$61,200, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Fleming (\$25,000)
- Nicholas (\$21,200)
- Wayne (\$15,000)*

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

* Existing programs receiving additional funding

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