



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



December 19, 2025
Meeting of the
Kentucky Agricultural Development
Board



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board 2025/2026 12-Month Board Meeting Schedule

Note: Locations are subject to change

Month	KADB Meeting	Location	Application Deadline
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-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 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
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
December	Friday, December 18, 2026	Franklin County Extension Office-Frankfort, KY	Monday, November 30, 2026

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP				
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2025-0256	Jackson County Cattlemen's Association	Jackson		\$223,000.00
Total Recommended for Funding: 1				\$223,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval: **\$223,000.00**

App #	A2025-0067
Applicant Name	Green River Area Beef Improvement Group, Inc. (Daviess County)
Original Amount Approved	\$100,000
Execution Date	06/03/2025
Requested Change	<p>The applicant requests an <u>additional</u> \$20,587 in Daviess 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 \$120,587.</p> <p>Recommend Approval</p>

Approved Project

Farmer's Choice, LLC**A2025-0238***Application County: Calloway**Date Submitted: 9/26/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$250,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Farmer's Choice LLC is requesting \$1,052,910 in state funds to purchase a grain cleaner and 4 - 150,000-bushel grain bins with 2 bins dedicated to organic grain and 2 bins dedicated to conventional grain.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used to purchase 4 - 150,000-bushel grain bins to increase storage, and a grain cleaner that will allow for increased feed production. Two grain bins will be dedicated to conventional grain and the other two bins will be dedicated to organic grain. Farmer's Choice LLC currently offers more than a hundred feed options ranging from starter and grower rations to specialized layer blends. The applicant plans to expand into bagged feed and shelled corn for markets in the future. Farmer's Choice LLC currently purchases corn directly from eight different producers. The applicant wants to increase this number so that 60-75% of corn used through the facility is purchased from a local grain producer.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,105,820 with funding from the following sources:

\$1,052,910 KADF state funds

\$1,052,910 Murray Bank

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that in 2025 the business plans to work with 7 farms with the potential to increase that number in the future.

Board Decision:

12/19/2025: Farmers Choice, LLC was approved for multi-county funds with an option of a Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund participation loan, not to exceed a total of \$250,000 to purchase a grain cleaner and four 150,000-bushel grain bins.

Approved Project

Red Haven Farm, LLC**A2025-0248***Application County: Estill**Date Submitted: 10/22/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$70,000***FUNDING REQUEST**

Red Haven Farm, LLC is requesting up to \$387,277 in multi-county and state funds to construct the Red Haven Country Store, a rural retail hub connecting local producers with the community.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Red Haven Farm is a 540-acre property in the Estill and Madison County line. Established in 2021, the farm has spent the past four years revitalizing its land and infrastructure to support a thriving mix of livestock operations, meat production, and short-term rentals. Their mission is to build the Red Haven Country Store - a unique rural destination that blends the charm of a traditional country store with immersive agritourism experiences. The store will offer a grocery, deli, bakery, hot food, household products, ice-cream, farm supplies, local and regional gifts, and seasonal products. It will also offer event hosting, space rentals, art classes, petting farm, fishing, farm to fork dinners, and agricultural education.

Funds will be used to construct the buildings on the site and purchase equipment, fixtures and furnishings for the store, including a walk-in freezer, cooler and kitchen equipment, to produce value added products.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$774,554 with the following funding sources:

\$387,277 KADB state funds

Up to \$70,000 KADF multi-county funds (pending)

\$116,640 Brokerage Account at Raymond James (secured)

\$270,637 Direct Index Funds at Raymond James (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that at least 42 local producers, and 15 food artisans across 22 counties will have a direct impact by selling their products in the store. The list will expand when the store opens as well.

Board Decision:

12/19/2025: Red Haven Farm, LLC was approved up to \$70,000 in multi-county funds to construct the Red Haven Country Store.

Approved Project

Owensboro Catholic Schools

A2025-0250

Application County: Daviess

Date Submitted: 10/28/2025

Total Funds Awarded: \$658

FUNDING REQUEST

The Owensboro Catholic Consolidated School Systems, Inc. is requesting \$658.49 in Daviess County funds to purchase grow lights and heat mats for their greenhouse.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant indicates FFA Program will continue providing hands-on experience for the OCHS Agriculture program and FFA students. The applicant plans to focus on measuring success by watching the profit growth and number of plants in production. The applicant's goal is to sell a variety of plants including annuals perennials, herbs, and vegetables direct to consumers from the greenhouse.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,316.97 with funding from the following sources:

\$658.49 KADF Daviess County funds (Secured)

\$658.49 Cash

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant indicates there are countless farm families & other students that would benefit from this project.

Board Decision:

12/19/2025: The Owensboro Catholic Consolidated School Systems, Inc. was approved up to \$658 in county funds to purchase grow lights and heat mats for their greenhouse.

Denied Project

Kentucky Milk Company

A2025-0127

Application County: Henry

Date Submitted: 5/7/2025

Total Funds Awarded:

FUNDING REQUEST

The Kentucky Milk Company is requesting \$25,000 in Multi-County Funds and \$25,000 in state funds for the purchase of a dairy processing facility.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The applicant plans to purchase a dairy processing facility.

The total cost of the project is estimated at 153,000 with the following funding sources:

\$25,000 KADB Multi County Funds (Requested)

\$25,000 KADB State Funds (Requested)

\$103,000 United Citizens Bank (Pending)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that 4 farm families would be impacted by the project.

Committee Recommendation:

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends denying the applicant's request of \$40,250 in Multi-County Funds and \$40,250 in state funds for the purchase of dairy processing equipment and recommends that the applicant pursue a loan through KAFC.

Denied Project

Grown Up Harvest Grocery, Inc.**A2025-0249***Application County: Jefferson**Date Submitted: 10/28/2025**Total Funds Awarded: \$0***FUNDING REQUEST**

Grown Up Harvest Grocery, Inc is requesting \$197,100 in state funds to build an expansion inaugural location such as a 2,500 square-foot indoor farmers market and grocery in Louisville Nulu neighborhood.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Funding will be used for construction completion, cold-storage installation, and operations. Grown Up Harvest Grocery is a modern neighborhood marketplace connecting Kentucky farmers directly with urban consumers through a consignment-based model. The project would provide a market for local producers, addressing food insecurity in a USDA-designated food desert. The applicant would like to achieve at least \$1,500,000 in total local product sales during the first year of operation, with annual growth of 6-8 percent. Through the consignment model 77 percent of gross retail sales will go directly to farmers.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$400,200 with funding from the following sources:

\$197,100 KADF state funds

\$137,100 Additional Private and Philanthropic Funds (Secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that more than 50 farm families will benefit directly through consignment agreements from this project, CSA participation, and branded local product placement.

Committee Recommendation:

The KADB Application Review Committee recommends not funding the applicant due to limited producer impact.



Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$600,000 for projects across the Commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

CORRECTION: This release is updated to reflect an additional funding project awarded for Red Haven Farm and a loan option for Farmers Choice that was not included in a release earlier today.

FRANKFORT (Dec. 19, 2025) – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$653,688 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

- Farmers Choice, LLC was approved for multi-county funds with an option of a Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund participation loan, not to exceed a total of \$250,000 to purchase a grain cleaner and four 150,000-bushel grain bins. For more information, contact Dwight Unruh at farmerchoice23@gmail.com.
- The Owensboro Catholic Consolidated School Systems, Inc. was approved up to \$658 in county funds to purchase grow lights and heat mats for its greenhouse. For more information, contact Savannah French at savannah.french@owensborocatholioc.org.
- Red Haven Farm, LLC was approved up to \$70,000 in multi-county funds to construct the Red Haven Country Store. For more information, contact Sandra Ross at sandy@redhavenky.com.

- Sunnyside Egg Co. LLC was approved up to \$89,443 in county funds matched by state funds to scale regenerative egg production. For more information, contact Patrick Samuels at psamuels@sunnysideeggco.com.

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.

Two CAIPs, totaling \$243,587, were approved by the board in the following counties:

- Daviess (\$20,587)*
- Jackson (\$223,000)

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP 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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