# LFUCG Economic Development:

Making Strides Towards Strategic, Performance-Driven Partnerships

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#### The Big Picture

- There are lots of organizations focused on economic development in Lexington.
- How do LFUCG's activities fit in?
- How can LFUCG monitor investment performance to meet changing needs?



#### Questions

- While the City does not have a strategic plan, what are its informal economic development priorities?
- ▶ Who is most impacted by these partnerships and programs? Conversely, are there gaps in coverage? What are we *not* getting from these alliances?
- What other entities are working in the same policy area in Lexington, and what do their programs look like in comparison?
- ► What performance metrics might be used to define a return-on-investment for each alliance?

### Informal Economic Development Priorities

- Increase wages.
- Increase jobs.

- Industries:
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Animal Sciences
  - Business & Professional Services
  - Clean Technology
  - Life Sciences
  - Software & IT
  - Visitor Industries

## Lexington Economic Development Landscape

An Analysis of Internal and External Organizations



#### LFUCG Administered Programs

Program	Description	FY2017 Funding (if applicable)
Economic Development Partners	Commerce Lexington, DLC, LDDA, SCORE, WTC	\$903,250
Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Projects	Financial incentive offered in conjunction with state to reduce burden of eligible development projects.	N/A**
Kentucky Business Incentive (KBI)	A state tax incentive that is partially matched by LFUCG to incentivize job creation by lessening payroll tax burden.	N/A**
	Provides \$25,000 to \$50,000 grants for workforce development programs. Administered by the Mayor's Office	\$150,000
JOBS Fund	A financial incentive program that provides forgivable loans/grants to local businesses creating jobs above the median hourly wage.	\$1.25M***
Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement (BEAM)	Regional collaboration to support advanced manufacturing workforce development.	N/A**

#### Select State Incentives - Fayette County

Туре	Max Tax Incentive Amount*	Incentive : Project Cost Ratio
High-Tech Investment / Construction Pools	\$9,430,000	73.33%
Economic Development Bonds	\$13,574,000*	N/A**
Kentucky Business Investment Program	\$43,965,000	38.96%
Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act	\$1,574,000	0.93%
Kentucky Industrial Development Act	\$5,180,000	7.97%
Kentucky Jobs Development Act	\$14,263,250	45.56%
Kentucky Reinvestment Act	\$2,000,000	5.09%
Kentucky Small Business Tax Credit	\$803,000	47.41%
Tax Increment Financing	\$103,556,600	10.96%

٧		Built Environment	Business Development	Human Capital	Neighborhood
	Internal	<ul> <li>Department of PPD</li> <li>Department of Parks and Recreation</li> <li>TIF Projects*</li> </ul>	<ul><li>KBI Projects*</li><li>JOBS Fund</li><li>Bluegrass Farm to Table</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Workforce         Development Grant         Fund     </li> </ul>	<ul><li>Department of PPD</li><li>Urban County Council*</li></ul>
	External	<ul> <li>LDDA*</li> <li>Bluegrass Area Development District</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commerce Lexington*</li> <li>Bluegrass Small Business Development Center</li> <li>Downtown Lexington Corporation*</li> <li>SCORE*</li> <li>University of Kentucky (ex: Venture Studio)</li> <li>Lexington Farmers Market</li> <li>KY Export Initiative</li> <li>World Trade Center Kentucky*</li> <li>KY Innovation Network</li> <li>23 other I-990 filing nonprofits, totaling ~\$15.6M in revenue.****</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commerce Lexington*</li> <li>SCORE*</li> <li>BEAM*</li> <li>Fayette County Public Schools</li> <li>University of Kentucky</li> <li>Bluegrass Area Development District</li> <li>Community college system (BCTCS)</li> <li>26 other I-990 filing nonprofits, totaling over \$23M in revenue.**</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Downtown         Lexington         Corporation*</li> <li>LDDA*</li> <li>LDMD*</li> <li>North Limestone         Community         Development</li> <li>Neighborhood         associations</li> </ul>

#### **SWOT Analysis**

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>Higher Education</li> <li>Educational Attainment</li> <li>Growth Sectors</li> <li>Heritage Industries</li> <li>Civic Engagement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of Strategic Plan</li> <li>Neighborhood Variation in Education, Poverty, Labor Force Participation</li> <li>Organizational Silos</li> <li>Rural/Urban Priorities</li> <li>Lack of Regional Approach</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul> <li>Location</li> <li>University Students</li> <li>Target Sector Pipeline</li> <li>Mitigate Barriers to Full—Time Work</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Export Market</li><li>Legislative Uncertainty</li><li>Lack of Regional Approach</li></ul>

#### Performance Management

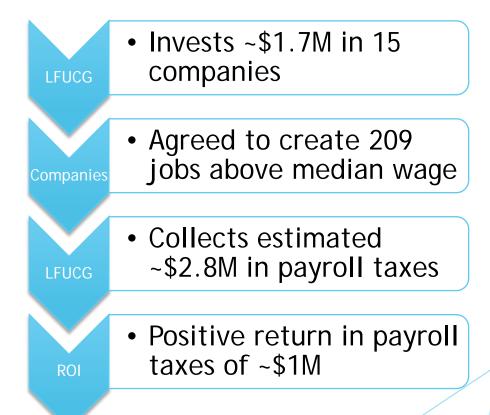
How do we drive outcomes?

#### The Goal

- Collect meaningful metrics that help us articulate the return on investment in partners.
- Negotiate with partners to create an economic development dashboard based on compliance reporting metrics.

#### An Example in Action: JOBS Fund

- Use priorities to define ROI
  - Ex: jobs created, payroll tax added as ultimate outcome
- **JOBS Fund**



#### An Example in Action: Workforce Grants

- Reporting process includes outcome metrics.
- \$150K given to 7 nonprofits, with +134 clients targeted.
- Cost per participant: \$1,094.89.
- To measure ROI, consider new payroll tax revenue generated over time...

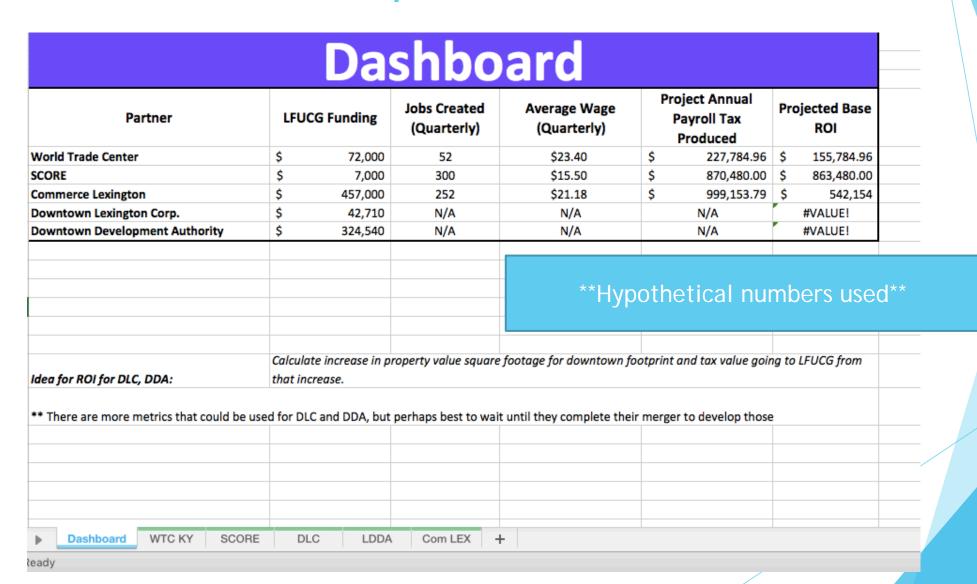
Break Even Point Per Grant Participant Over Time (Average Increase in Wages)

1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
\$43,795.62	\$8,759.12	\$4,379.56
increase	increase	increase

#### **Economic Development Partners**

- How do we expect each partner to impact economic development?
  - Consider audience, programs, and relationship to the local economy.
- Develop performance metrics to measure inputs, outputs, and outcomes appropriate to their mission as it relates to LFUCG goals.
  - ▶ Track via quarterly compliance reports to create an economic development dashboard.

#### **Economic Development Dashboard**



#### Policy Recommendations

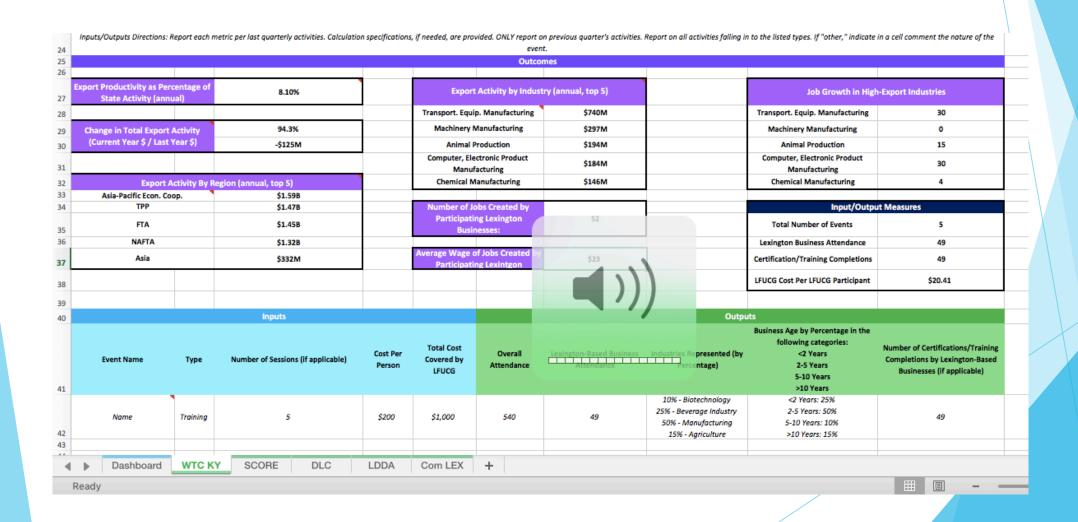
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- Devise a strategic plan leverage the "On the Table" results.
  - Coordinate with others based on these plans.
- Increase focus on neighborhood-based programs and human capital development.
- ► Focus on outcomes in contracting.
- Consider a regional approach where appropriate.
- Implement performance dashboards.

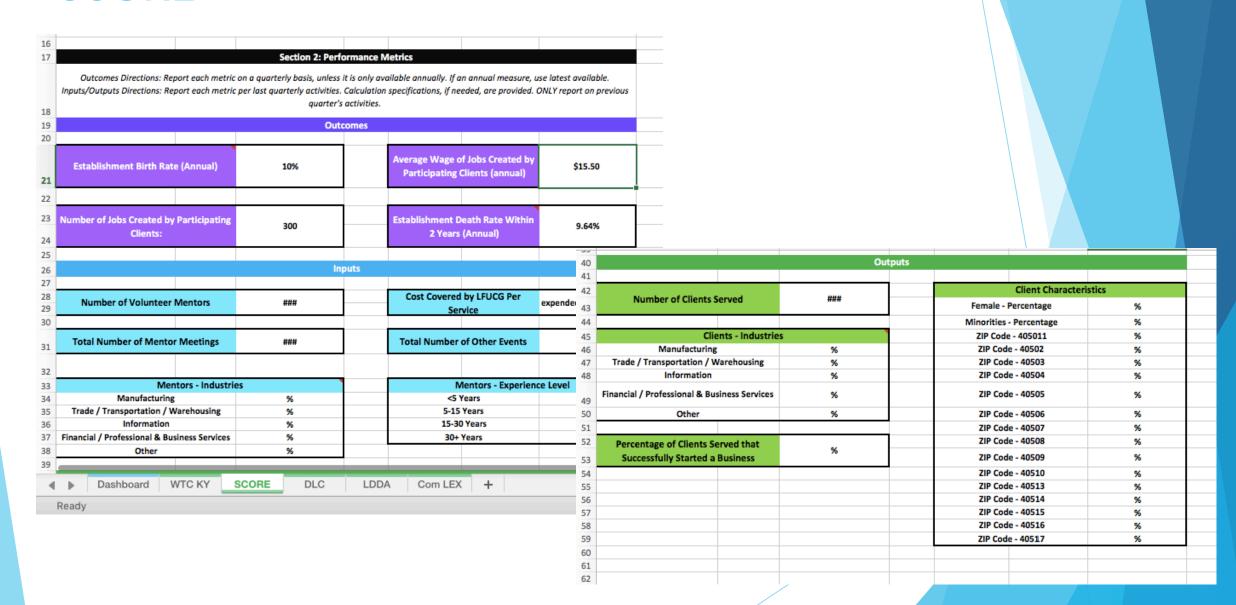
#### Questions?

### Supplemental Slides

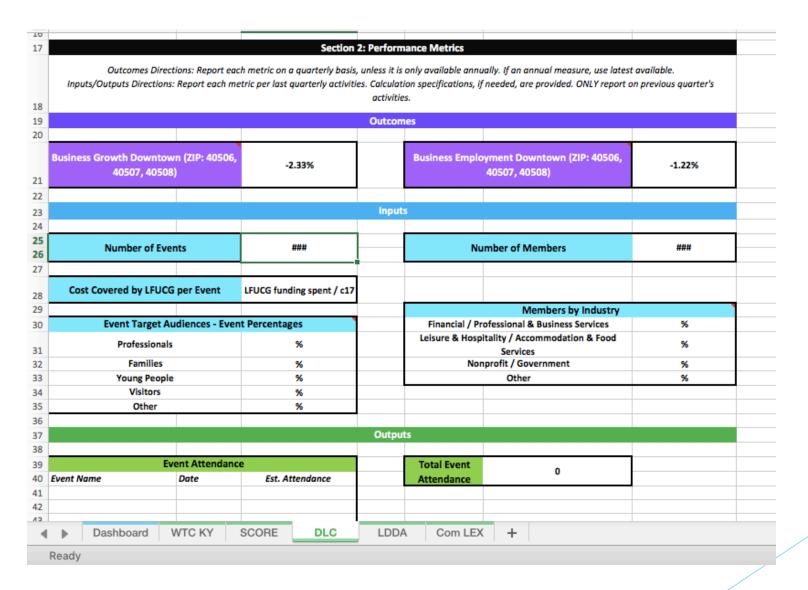
#### World Trade Center Kentucky



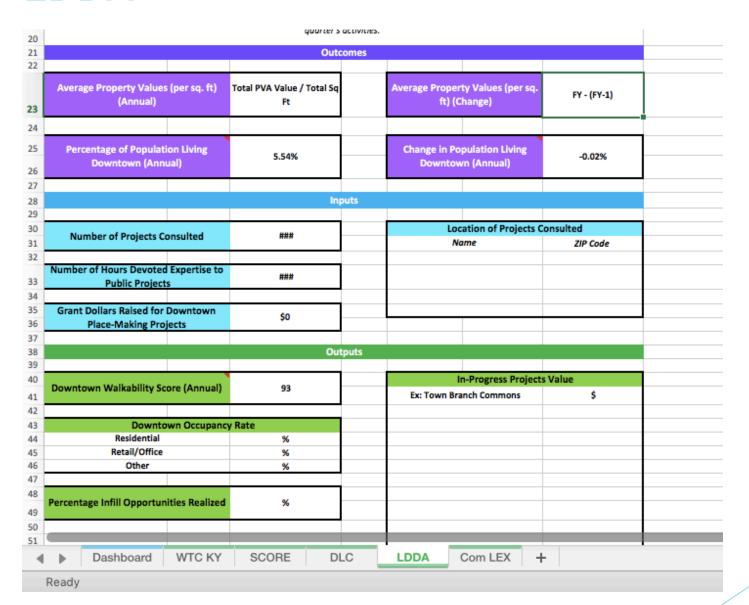
#### **SCORE**



#### Downtown Lexington Corporation



#### **LDDA**



#### Commerce Lexington

