



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
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**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
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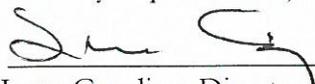
DATE: APRIL 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to accept award in the amount of \$95,000 from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund for support of the Local Food Coordinator Project in the Mayor's Office—FY 2016-2017

On January 15, 2015 (Resolution No. 3-2015), Council approved submission of an application to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF) requesting state funds to sustain the Local Food Coordinator position for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. The Local Food Coordinator's responsibilities include serving as an advocate for policies, serving as a broker to connect local producers with institutional markets, convening Bluegrass Farm to Table, supporting projects that lead to increased markets for local farm products, and expanding efforts to include surrounding counties. The position also supports consumer education, with an emphasis on underserved populations by encouraging nutrition education and increasing the availability and purchase of wholesome foods to underserved populations.

The Kentucky Agricultural Board has agreed to provide \$95,000 (\$47,500 for FY 2016 and \$47,500 for FY 2017) in state and county funds (Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Madison, Scott, and Woodford counties) to support the Local Food Coordinator project for a period of two years. General fund dollars in the amount of \$77,500 has been requested from the 2016 General Fund budget to support this project for Fiscal Year 2016. Annual budget for FY 2016 is \$125,000 for personnel costs, travel, professional development, and marketing and materials for programming/assessments/events. Fiscal Year 2017 grant and match funds will be budgeted next year.

Council authorization to accept award from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board is hereby requested subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2016.


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