


MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

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TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Tracey Thurman, Director
Division of Waste Management

DATE: February 21, 2019

SUBJECT: **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) on behalf of the LFUCG Division of Waste Management**

Request: The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to enter into an agreement with Seedleaf to reduce food waste material that is sent to the landfill by citizens of Fayette County.

Authorization to: Approve MOU with Seedleaf for diversion of organic materials from the landfill-bound waste stream.

Why are you requesting? This program helps achieve the goal of reducing waste and providing educational opportunities to encourage composting and other alternatives related to organics diversion. Seedleaf has been a community partner in organics diversion over the last few years.

Department needs this action completed because: Seedleaf collects food waste from up to 35 local restaurants and distributes to community gardens for compost. This supports LFUCG in conforming to the USDA and EPA goal of reducing America's food waste by 50% by the year 2030.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$20,000

The cost for this FY is: \$20,000

The cost for future FY is: \$20,000 annually

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process: Budgeted

Account number(s): 1115 303501 0001 71299

Cc: Charles Martin, Acting Commissioner-EQPW

