



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER  
HOUSING ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: APRIL 8, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Accept American Farmland Trust (AFT) Soil Health Stewards Program Grant  
for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program**

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**Request:** Council authorization to accept an award of federal funds from USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) through the American Farmland Trust (AFT) Soil Health Stewards Program Grant for \$10,000 for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. No matching funds are required

**Purpose of Request:** The American Farmland Trust (AFT) has awarded a \$10,000 Soil Health Stewards Program Grant to the LFUCG's PDR program. These grant funds will be used to help farmers in the PDR Program implement new and better soil conservation practices. Two members of the Rural Land Management Board and the professional contracted to conduct the majority of the PDR easement monitoring will attend a training held by the American Farmland Trust in late April, then will work with the PDR Manager to create an action plan due to the AFT in late May.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** Federal funding of \$10,000 for FY 2022. No match is required. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon availability of grant funds.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Budget amendment 11629 is in process.

**File Number:** 0366-22

**Director/Commissioner:** Beth Overman/Sally Hamilton

