

RESOLUTION NO. 202 - 2022

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO NUTRITION BY EXPANSION OF THE CAPACITY OF GOD'S PANTRY FOOD BANK TO PROVIDE FOOD PANTRY AND MEAL PROGRAMS AND FURTHER SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO OBTAIN UP TO \$4.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUNDING, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ANDY BARR; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT ANY NECESSARY FORMS OR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH REQUEST.

WHEREAS, food insecurity across central and eastern Kentucky remains higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, demands on God's Pantry Food Bank and other local food pantries and meal programs have grown since the COVID-19 pandemic and are expected to continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr has indicated that there may be federal funding available for Community Projects like the expansion of the capacity of food pantry and meal programs to handle more volumes of fresh produce, meats, proteins, dairy items, and other critically important grocery products; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion would enable the capacity of God's Pantry Food Bank to increase by up to 50% and allow God's Pantry Food Bank to handle up to 60 million pounds of food annually, providing increased access to nutrition, decreased food insecurity, and assistance to those at risk of poor health outcomes as a result of hunger and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion would be an ideal local use of federal Community Projects funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

Section 2 – That the Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby expresses its support for improved access to nutrition by expansion of the capacity of God's Pantry Food Bank to provide food pantry and meal programs, and further supports the submission of this project to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr for funding of up to \$4.5 million.

Section 3 – That the Mayor, or her designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute and provide any necessary forms or supporting documentation related to the project to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr.

Section 4 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: April 28, 2022



MAYOR

ATTEST:



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