



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS


DATE: DECEMBER 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit application to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund for support of the Local Food Coordinator Project in the Mayor's Office— FY 2016-2017

An application has been prepared for submission to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF) requesting state funds in the amount of \$105,000 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 requested \$105,000 will come from a state allocation of \$50,000, \$25,000 from a Fayette County allocation, and \$30,000 from allocations of six contiguous counties. A local match in the amount of \$77,500 will be requested in each of the Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 General Fund budgets for travel, professional development, marketing and materials, 50% of the Food Coordinator's personnel costs, and programming/assessments/events. An additional \$20,000 in-kind contribution will be provided in the form of office space, and administrative support. Total annual cost is \$150,000.

Council authorization to submit application to Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund is hereby requested.


Irene Gooding, Director

XC: Kevin Atkins, Mayor's Office