




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: September 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation for an FY26 (Class B Education) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Fayette County Public Schools.

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an FY26 (Class B Education) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Fayette County Public Schools in the amount of \$23,157.50.

Purpose of Request

The purpose of this project is to support the Fayette County Public Schools Stream Team project to build a system through partnership between Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS), Kentucky Watershed Watch (KWW), and Kentucky Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development to strategically engage Lexington's youth and teachers in the learning environment. The project elements are to 1) deliver educational watershed protection and water quality programming (4-H Stream Team curriculum) to FCPS teachers, staff and students at five schools; 2) certify at least five teachers/staff as Kentucky Watershed Watch samplers; 3) plan and implement a community service project to improve an impaired waterway on school grounds or adjacent; 4) Develop and implement a Fayette County based 4-H Stream Team, and 4) develop a Kentucky Watershed Watch Support Hub for continued engagement with volunteer sampling.

Project Cost in FY26 and in Future Budget Years

The grant has been approved for FY 2026 funding by the Water Quality Fees Board in the amount of \$23,157.50.

Are Funds Budgeted

Funds are budgeted in: 4052 – 303204 – 3373 – 78112 – WQINCENTIVE_26 – WQ_GRANT

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