

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Gray Mayor

David L. Holmes Commissioner

TO:

Mayor Jim Gray

Urban County Council

FROM:

Tracey Thurman, Director Division of Waste Management

DATE:

October 21, 2015

RE:

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 Seadleaf to reduce food waste material that is sent to the landfill by the citizens of Fayette County.

Authorization to: Approve MOU with Seadleaf to divert organic materials from the landfill-bound waste stream.

Why are you requesting? This program will help achieve the goal of zero waste and provide educational opportunities in composting and other alternatives related to organics diversion.

**Department needs this action completed because**: Seedleaf will collect food waste from up to 35 local restaurants which will be distributed to Seedleaf's community gardens and composted. This would aid LFUCG in conforming with 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: 1115 303506 0001 71299

Attachments:

Contract

Budget