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Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government

<i>Application County</i>	<i>County Priority</i>	<i>Project Name</i>
Jefferson	Not Applicable	

State Funds Requested

\$100,000.00

Total : \$100,000.00

Project Summary

FUNDING REQUEST

Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government is requesting \$100,000 over two years to help fund its Farm to Table program.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The program has two goals:

1. Connect Kentucky's producers with opportunities to sell edible agricultural products, particularly to large volume buyers; and
2. Promote the development of a more comprehensive infrastructure system of aggregation, distribution, processing and manufacturing facilities.

The program partners with several agencies and institutions including Community Farm Alliance, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Jefferson County Public School District, Norton Hospitals, Organic Association of Kentucky, University of Louisville and The Berry Center.

The applicant also was selected to work with USDA Food Leveraging Investment for Network Coordination (Food LINC). This is a three-year effort to understand how investments in coordination services and linkages between farmers and buyers can lead to the development of a more robust local and regional food system. Through Food LINC, the applicant is focused on connecting farmers in the Kentucky Highlands Promise Zone to market opportunities across the region.

The applicant has secured private donations to help supplement its budget. Those funds will employ two full time staff members.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$315,000 with the following funding sources:

- \$100,000 KADF State fund
- \$120,000 Louisville Metro funds (secured)
- \$ 75,000 USDA Food LINC (secured)
- \$ 10,000 Christy Brown Sustainable Food Trust (secured)
- \$ 10,000 Rudolf Steiner Foundation (RSF) Social Capital Donation (secured)

PROJECTED PRODUCER IMPACT

The applicant states that the project will facilitate sales for at least 60 farmers and will provide educational opportunities for at least 300 farmers.

Comments

The Red Application Review Committee recommends funding \$100,000 in State funds for the Louisville Farm to Table program.

Reason For Denial

Terms

Conditions