



KANE COUNTY

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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

County Board Room

Agenda

10:00 AM

Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2018**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Partners**
 - A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
 - B. Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Theresa Schryver, Communications Specialist)
5. **Presentations/Announcements**
 - A. USDA Farm to School Grant (Matt Tansley, Land Use Planner)
 - B. Contract for Professional Services – Farmland Protection (Janice Hill, Executive Planner) (attached)
6. **New Business**
 - A. **Resolution:** Authorization to Accept a Farm to School Grant Award from the USDA and Amending the 2018 Fiscal Year Growing for Kane Budget
7. **Reports Placed On File**
8. **Executive Session (If Needed)**
9. **Adjournment**

Memorandum

July 13, 2018

TO: Members of the Agriculture Committee

FROM: Janice Hill, Farmland Protection Manager and Executive Planner 

RE: Contract for Professional Services – Farmland Protection

As you are aware, Kane County's farmland protection program has been funded with federal funds from their conservation program within the Farm Bill and local matching funds from the Riverboat Committee. Overtime, available Riverboat funds have dramatically decreased and become more competitive. This year staff will again request the maximum allowed which is \$ 300,000, no greater than the previous amount listed. This amount could pay to purchase the development rights to a 100 acre farm in Kaneville, but would not include the required costs for processing and closing the transaction. The waiting list of farms is outpacing the available local funds and limiting the available federal match. In 2017 we received two new applications for funding and have an ongoing wait list.

As previously discussed Kane County in partnership with CMAP will explore the potential of Transfer of Development rights for one funding option. CMAP's calendar will allow this work to begin in late fall/early winter. In the meantime, staff recommends hiring a consultant or consulting team to advise on other funding and implementation options, including but not limited to Mitigation Fees and Land Conversion Fees. Both options have been successfully used in Wisconsin and California and show promise for Illinois and Kane County. Staff will work with both the consultant and legal counsel in evaluating the potential for use in Kane County.

In the simplest of applications, mitigation and conversion fees are paid when land changes from agriculture use to another land use. Mitigation and conversion fees are used for later farmland protection easement acquisitions. Funds have been allocated in the FY 17 Farmland Protection budget to hire a consultant to study which potential fees are best suited for Kane County's program.

Staff respectfully requests concurrence to hire a consultant for the above mentioned purposes within the county's procurement process. Findings from the analysis will be presented to Agriculture Committee.



RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

No.

Authorization to Accept a Farm to School Grant Award from the USDA and Amending the 2018 Fiscal Year Growing for Kane Budget

Committee Flow: Agriculture Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact: Mathew Tansley, 630.232.3493

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? No	Appropriation Amount:
If not budgeted, explain funding source: 435.690.000.32716	

Summary:

The Kane County Development and Community Services Department applied for and was awarded a US Department of Agriculture Grant to support the implementation of a Growing for Kane project at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center. The grant will be awarded through multiple disbursements over the 2-year period of the grant program.

The purpose of this resolution is to allow the County Board Chairman to accept the grant award and to perform a budget adjustment such that the funds are reflected within the Growing for Kane line item for FY2018 and subsequent fiscal years.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF KANE

NO.

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT AWARD FROM THE USDA AND AMENDING THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR GROWING FOR KANE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the US Department of Agriculture has awarded a Farm to School Program grant to Kane County in the amount of \$94,984 for the purpose of implementing a Growing for Kane project at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Department of Development and Community services requests a budget adjustment to the Growing for Kane line item to receive grant disbursements within FY2018; and

WHEREAS, this grant will support initiatives fulfilling recommendations set forth in the Growing for Kane Report including the removal of barriers for Kane County institutions to procure locally grown food items and ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to fresh produce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kane County Board that the USDA award be accepted and that a FY2018 budget adjustment be granted to cover anticipated disbursements within the fiscal year in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$23,746).

435.690.000.32716 Grant Revenue + \$23,746
435.690.000.55050 Grant Expense + \$23,746

Line Item	Line Item Description	Was Personnel/Item/Service approved in original budget or a subsequent budget revision?	Are funds currently available for this Personnel/Item/Service in the specific line item?	If funds are not currently available in the specified line item, where are the funds available?
435.690.022.55050	Grant Expense	No	No	435.690.000.32716

Passed by the Kane County Board on August 14, 2018.

John A. Cunningham
Clerk, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Christopher J. Lauzen
Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Vote:

18-08 USDA Grant