



**Economic Development Grant
FY 2017**

Background:

The *Economic Development Grant* was authorized in the amount of \$150,000 by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Adopted Budget. This grant is in its first year of funding and is currently a 1-year funding cycle.

Purpose:

The purpose of the grant is to provide economic and workforce development services to supplement and support the work of the Urban County Government. Funding this cycle will impact workforce areas of:

1) Training/retraining; 2) Employment entry/re-entry.

Programming information:

Programming for all agencies will begin on July 1, 2017 and commence on June 30, 2018. Agencies funded for this year are listed below and contain a summary of the training provided as well as contact information for referral purposes.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>	<u>Programming</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Urban League / Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC)	\$37,500	Certified Fiber Optic Technician training courses to teach participants to install, terminate, and test fiber optic networks. Soft skills training will also be provided.	Urban League: Anissa Franklin, (859) 233-1561, ext. 204 annissa@ullexfay.org ; http://ullex.org/ BCTC: Pam Hatcher, (859) 246-6788 Pam.hatcher@kctcs.edu https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/
Jubilee Jobs	\$20,000	2-week, 7-step employment assistance program: provides one-on-one professional resume preparation, mock interviews, job preparation and conflict resolution workshops.	Cary Plummer, (859) 977-0128, cplummer@jubileejobsoflexington.org , http://jubileejobsoflexington.org/



Building Institute of Central Kentucky	\$20,000	Classroom, lab training, and licensure for HVAC, plumbing, electric, carpentry, and property maintenance. Will also provide training for: OSHAL 10, First Aid, CPR, and EPA608.	Bruce Maybriar, (859) 273-5117, ext. 33, Bruce@biacentralky.com ; http://www.biacentralky.com/building-institute-of-central-ky.html
Opportunity for Work & Learning (O.W.L.)	\$20,000	Forklift or Customer Service Representative Skills Certifications, job readiness, and soft skills training provided	Margaret Corneilson, (859) 254-0576, MCorneilson@owlinc.net , http://www.owlinc.net/
Hospice of the Bluegrass (Bluegrass Care Navigators)	\$20,000	Certified Nurse Aid (CNA) certification and State Competency Evaluation test.	Sandy Gowdy, (859) 296-0513, sgowdy@bgcarenav.org , https://www.bgcarenav.org/more-about-us/cna-education
FoodChain	\$20,000	On-The-Job training to participants in FoodChain's processing kitchen (culinary methods, employability soft skills, health department requirements, etc.).	Becca Self, (859) 428-8380, rebecca@foodchainlex.org , http://foodchainlex.org/
Build Inclusion Inc., / Easter Seals Cardinal Hill / Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky	\$12,500	Training for high school students and youth with disabilities in the areas of career-readiness, job exploration and self-advocacy. Assistance with job shadowing, internship opportunities and supported employment services will be also be offered.	Annette Jett, (859) 221-6689, annette@buildinclusion.org , http://www.buildinclusion.org/

General questions related to this grant can be directed to Elodie Dickinson @ edickinson@lexingtonky.gov or by phone @ (859) 258-3026.

