



Economic Development Grant

Background:

The *Economic Development Grant* was authorized in the amount of \$400,000 by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Adopted Budget. This grant is in its fifth year of funding and is currently a 2-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) Licensure/certification; 2) Employment entry/re-entry.

Programming information:

Programming for all agencies will begin on July 1, 2022 and commence on June 30, 2024. 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>Contact Information</u>	<u>Programming</u>
Awesome Inc	Awesome Inc Contact: Nick Such, nick@awesomeinc.org , Phone: (859) 472-4219	Salesforce Administrator Certification
Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC)	Enhanced Operator I - Certificate < KCTCS , Contact: Erin Tipton, erin.tipton@kctcs.edu , Phone: (859) 246-6788	Enhanced Operator Certificate Program (EOCP)
Building Institute of Central Kentucky	http://www.biacentralky.com/building-institute-of-central-ky.html Contact: Bruce Maybriar, bruce@BIACentralky.com Phone: (859) 229-6641	Provides classroom, lab training, and licensure for HVAC, plumbing, and electric
Community Action Council	http://www.commaction.org/ Contact: Joshua McCann Joshua.McCann@commaction.org Phone: (859) 233-4600 x 2037	Provides Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training
Food Chain	https://foodchainlex.org , Contact: Leandra Forman, leandra@foodchainlex.org , (859) 428-8380	Food Sector Job Training Program
Jubilee Jobs	https://jubileejobsoflexington.org Contact: Mason King, mking@jubileejobsoflexington.org Phone: (859) 977-0128	Provides a 1-week inhouse and outreach 7-step job readiness, job placement, and retention support service.



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Lexington Rescue Mission	https://lexingtonrescue.org/ <u>Contact:</u> Renee Dodson, renee@lexingtonrescue.org , Phone: (859) 618-6831	Provides 14-week (2 hrs./wk.) <i>Jobs for Life</i> program that provides soft skills training, job search, resume writing, and job placement.
Opportunity for Work & Learning (OWL)	https://www.owlinc.net , <u>Contact:</u> Israel Smith, ismith@owlinc.net , Phone: (859) 254-0576	Forklift Certification, Manufacturing Work Experience, Skilled Trade Academy Certificate, Customer Service Representative Certification, Kentucky Essential Skills Certificate, resume writing, job search, application, interviewing, placement, and retention.