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.

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| 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)           |
**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, mkings@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/](https://lexingtonrescue.org/)  
**Contact:** Renee Dodson, renee@lexingtonrescue.org, Phone: (859) 618-6831 | Provides 14-week (2 hrs./wk.) *Jobs for Life* program that provides soft skills training, job search, resume writing, and job placement. |
| Opportunity for Work & Learning (OWL)       | [https://www.owlin.net/](https://www.owlin.net/)  
**Contact:** Israel Smith, ismith@owlin.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. |