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JASON HOWELL

March 31, 2023

The Honorable James Comer
United State House of Representatives
2401 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Comer:

It is a pleasure to write in support of the Graves County Economic Development's Grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Planning and Development Fund.

Graves County Economic Development intends to purchase a 50-acre tract adjacent to their current industrial park. With that purchase the funds they are seeking would be utilized to extend utilities and widen the road to the new tract which is estimated to cost \$1,000,000.

Your consideration of Graves County's grant application is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Howell".

Jason Howell
State Senator

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

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RICHARD HEATH
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2

March 27, 2023

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2401 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Comer:

I am writing this letter of support for the Graves County Economic Development's grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Planning and Development Fund.

Graves County Economic Development plans to use these funds to acquire a 50-acre tract of land within the next 12 months. Once acquired, this land will help extend utilities and widen the road, a project which is estimated to cost \$1 million.

I fully support Graves County Economic Development in its grant application. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if I can be of assistance to you in any way regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Heath".

Richard Heath
State Representative
District 2

RH/emp

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
GRAVES COUNTY
MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY 42066
JESSE PERRY GRAVES COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE
270-247-3626**

March 21, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the Graves County Economic Development. The impact which Graves County Economic Development has had on this community since its inception in 1981, has created hundreds of jobs and has brought millions of capitals to our area. Their continued progress in attracting new business and supporting existing is outlined by our 45 existing businesses that support over 2,500 jobs in Mayfield and Graves County.

The newly acquired Keith property will boost new opportunities for our community. This is why I am writing you. I am totally in support of the request made by Graves County Economic Development for \$1,000,000 towards infrastructure improvements of this property. Our existing industrial park, is now full and hosts over 500 employees and 5 industrial/warehouse tenants. This grant is the next opportunity for Mayfield and Graves County to grow and prosper.

If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jesse Perry
Graves County Judge Executive



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
GRAVES COUNTY
JESSE PERRY, COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE
270-247-3626

March 21, 2023

RE: Graves County Economic Development
FY24 Community Project Funding Request

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support of Graves County Economic Development (GCED) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development-Economic Development Incentives.

On December 10, 2021, our community suffered a devastating tornado. The human loss, along with the destruction of countless homes, restaurants, offices, governmental buildings, and retail establishments was overwhelming. It is by the resilience of our community members, along with the outpouring support of neighbors and our state/federal partners that we are on the road to recovery.

Both before and after the tornado, GCED has been able to grow existing businesses, locate new industries, and help rebuild those businesses displaced or destroyed by the tornado. GCED has been able to utilize existing property in an industrial park to meet this need. Hickory Industrial Park, our main industrial park, is approaching capacity. While this a great problem to have, it creates a need for additional space.

GCED has identified additional acreage adjacent to the Hickory Industrial Park. This grant would help provide utilities as the park continues to grow. As a Graves County Commissioner, I know firsthand the importance of having available and developed property ready for economic development. This grant would help Graves County stay competitive as we continue to recruit new opportunities and expand current businesses.

Sincerely,

Tyler Goodman
Graves County Commissioner
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City of
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Mayor of The City of Mayfield and a current board member for Graves County Economic Development, we understand the importance of building for the future and support our economic development organization. The impact that Graves County Economic Development has had on this community since its inception in 1981 has created hundreds of jobs and brought hundreds of millions of capital to our area. Their continued progress in attracting new business and supporting existing is outlined by our 45 existing businesses that support over 2,500 jobs in Mayfield and Graves County.

The newly acquired Keith property will boast new opportunities for our community and is why I am writing to you in support of the request made by Graves County Economic Development for \$1,000,000 towards infrastructure improvements towards this property. Adjacent to our existing industrial park that is now full and hosts over 500 employees and 5 industrial/warehouse tenants, this is the next opportunity for Mayfield and Graves County.

If I can be of any help please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kathy O'Nan, Mayor

City of Mayfield

March 21, 2023

Graves County Economic Development

RE: THUD Request Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to serve as a letter of support for Graves County Economic Development in relation to a grant application opportunity for \$1,000,000 with the Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Planning and Development-Community Development Fund-Economic Development Initiatives. In my role as a commercial lender with a local community bank, and as current Chairman of Graves County Economic Development, I have seen the tremendous impact that Graves County Economic Development has made on this community. Since its inception GCED has created hundreds of jobs and facilitated hundreds of millions of capital to our region. GCED has continued to lead in economic development growth in our area.

Graves County Economic Development is working to acquire a 50-acre tract to facilitate growth in the Hickory Industrial Park. I fully support this expansion and the grant request because it will be the future of economic development in Graves County Kentucky. This grant would be used towards infrastructure improvements that would allow for future industrial development in Graves County. Currently, the Hickory Industrial Park is at its capacity with over 500 employees and 5 industrial/warehouse tenants. The purchase and development of the adjacent 50 acres will allow Graves County Economic Development to continue to work to grow our area. If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me at (270)251-5925.

Sincerely,



Brad Dame

First Kentucky Bank

VP/Commercial Lending



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March 22, 2023

To Whom it may concern,

As President of the Mayfield/Graves County Association of Realtors I am pleased to express our support of the efforts of the Graves County Economic Development (GCED) organization. For over 4 decades, the GCED group has lead our community in the recruitment of new jobs and has worked hard on the retention and expansion of local industry. The impact that Graves County Economic Development has phenomenal, attracting employers and hundreds of jobs and brought hundreds of millions of capital to our area. Their continued progress attracting new business and supporting existing is demonstrated by the 45 organizations (such as ours) and businesses that support GCED each year through annual contributions of public/private partnership.

We have watched closely as the North Hickory Industrial Park has filled and expansion is badly needed. The newly acquired Keith property will offer new opportunities for employers both within and newly recruited companies to join us.

I am writing to you in support of the request made by Graves County Economic Development for \$1,000,000 towards infrastructure improvements to/on this expansion opportunity. Located adjacent to our highly successful existing Hickory industrial, which now hosts over 500 employees and 7 industrial/warehouse tenants, this is the best opportunity for Mayfield and Graves County to add sites to attract new businesses and industry.

Thank you for your time evaluating this proposal, If I can be of any help please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

R Thomas Waldrop Jr.
President
Mayfield Graves County Association of Realtors
270.705.2682

Cc: Jensey B Blackwood, EO
Mayfield Graves Association of Realtors



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To Whom it may concern,

I serve as the Manager of Engineering for West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. West KY RECC works closely with Graves County Economic Development and Mr. Lemle to create growth and opportunity for the betterment of Graves County. Over the past few years, Graves County Economic Development has done an outstanding job attracting new opportunities for our community. GCED also continues to support our existing industry at a high level. West KY RECC is proud to partner with and support GCED.

West KY RECC fully supports GCED in the request of \$1,000,000 towards infrastructure improvements in the newly acquired Keith property. We will work with GCED to make sure that these funds provide all the necessary infrastructure to make this property viable and marketable to provide Graves County with an opportunity for growth.

Sincerely,

Ricky Binkley

Manager of Engineering

West KY RECC

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