



Legislation Text

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TITLE

APPROPRIATE \$92,000 FOR USDA LOCAL FOODS PROMOTIONAL GRANT

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BACKGROUND

The City of Greensboro has awarded Guilford County \$92,000 for the USDA local foods promotional grant. This project will support the development of local food entrepreneurs and provide them with connections to local producers; enable local growers to create value-added food products; provide a model for working with a neighborhood to increase the consumption of local produce; and provide data that monitors program results and reveals a clearer picture of local eating and shopping habits.

The City of Greensboro is working with multiple partners on this project including Guilford County, The Greensboro Farmers Market (GFM), The Out of the Garden Project, and UNCG. The Guilford County Cooperative Extension Office (GCCE) will provide training in food safety for those using a newly created Low Risk Shared Use Kitchen and new GAP certification standards. The Greensboro Farmers Market (GFM) will offer space at their market for new entrepreneurs and provide assistance with marketing and business planning. The Out of the Garden Project will use their community kitchen for food education programming and to support new food businesses. UNCG will conduct a survey that will pilot test a community-based food security instrument and evaluate project implementation.

There is **NO COUNTY FUNDING REQUIRED** to accept this state appropriation of funds.

BUDGET IMPACT

Budget Ordinance Amendment

General Fund

\$92,000 Increase in Federal/State Revenue

\$92,000 Increase in Appropriation to Cooperative Extension Service

NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve an increase in Federal/State revenues by \$92,000 and increase the FY 2016-17 Cooperative Extension Service budget by the same amount to reflect the appropriation of state funding for the USDA Local Foods Promotional Grant and authorize staff to take all necessary steps including execution of contract with the City of Greensboro to receive the funds.