



March 18, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr  
Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100  
Lexington KY 40509

Subject: FY2025 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Barr:

We are pleased to support the Nicholas/Bourbon Industrial Park Onsite and Offsite Improvements Project for the FY2025 Community Project Funding.

As a water and wastewater service provider in Bourbon County with water customers in Nicholas County, too, we recognize the value this project would bring toward the economic vitality of the community and region, and we believe it is most deserving of serious consideration.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Lancho". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Susan Lancho  
Senior Manager, External and Government Affairs



**Michael R. Williams**  
Bourbon County Judge Executive  
Courthouse  
Paris, Kentucky 40361

March 13, 2024

Congressman Andy Barr  
Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100  
Lexington KY 40509  
(Delivered Electronically, attn: Tatum Dale and Hunt VanderToll)

Subject: Nicholas County- Regional Industrial Park Community Projects Funding Application

Dear Congressman Barr-

I hope this letter finds you well. Please accept this letter as an indication of Bourbon County Fiscal Court's hearty and enthusiastic support of Nicholas County's FY25 CPF request for HUD EDI funding for the Regional Industrial Park.

The industrial park is a joint venture between Nicholas and Bourbon Counties, and has generated significant interest from TTI Railroad, the site selection community, and manufacturers. This park, acquired by leveraging KPDI funds and establishing a new joint development authority, the Bourbon County-Nicholas County Regional Economic Development Board, is well positioned to be the key component in the game plan for job growth and future economic opportunity in Bourbon and Nicholas Counties.

Moving forward, the industrial park's attractiveness can be enhanced tremendously by meeting the current need for water and wastewater utilities extensions from off site and by the need for on-site improvements that include grading and earthwork, drainage/stormwater control, ingress roadways, and onsite utilities. Nicholas County's request for funding seeks to meet these needs strategically, and aid in finding the right tenant(s) to fill the industrial parks with the industries and the jobs that will propel both of our counties forward.

Thank you, and your staff, for the work that you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "W".

Michael R. Williams  
Bourbon County Judge-Executive



Steve Hamilton  
Judge Executive Office  
Nicholas County  
Carlisle, KY 40311  
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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr  
Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100  
Lexington KY 40509

Subject: FY2025 CPF (Earmark) project

Dear Congressman Barr:

I am pleased to endorse the Nicholas/Bourbon Industrial Park Onsite and Offsite Improvements Project for the FY2025 Community Project Funding. This project is important for our community and region and has our enthusiastic support. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued interest in our community.

Sincerely,

Steve Hamilton  
County Judge Executive



Paris/Bourbon County Economic Development Authority  
525 High Street, Suite 117  
Paris, KY 40361

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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Congressman Andy Barr  
Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100  
Lexington KY 40509

Subject: FY2025 CPF (Earmark) project

Dear Congressman Barr:

I am pleased to endorse the Joint Nicholas County/Bourbon County Regional Industrial Park Onsite and Offsite Improvements Project for the FY2025 Community Project Funding.

This project is instrumental for creating jobs in our community and region which has our enthusiastic support, as it is a strategic location with TTI/MB Rail access, and will allow important job growth and bring back the much needed rail service to help the Industrial Park & Regional businesses grow. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued interest & support in our community.

Sincerely,

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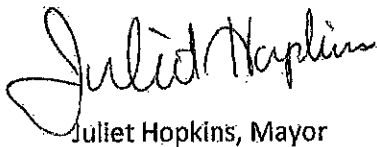
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Sincerely,

  
Juliet Hopkins, Mayor

Mayor: Juliet Hopkins  
Council Members: Ella Jo Bolton, Penny Barbee, Deborah Jackson, Michael Jackson, Terry Smith, Lora Irvin  
City Clerk: Lezlie Hunt

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# Nicholas County Water District

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Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Road, Suite 100  
Lexington, Kentucky 40509

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Sincerely,

Nicholas County Water District Board of Supervisors

**CARLISLE-NICHOLAS COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
118 West Main Street  
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311**

March 26, 2024

Mr. Andy Barr  
Congressman Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Road, Suite 100  
Lexington, KY 40509

Re: FY 2025 Appropriations Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Barr:

On behalf of our community, I wish to express my sincere heartfelt appreciation to you for your most thoughtful and generous actions in support of Nicholas County throughout your tenure as U.S. Representative. You are, indeed, a valued friend of our community.

As you are intimately aware, in July 2021, our community suffered unprecedented devastation as raging flood waters unjustly crippled our community, stifling our growth temporarily and violently attacking our infrastructure.

Little by little, we, as a unified group, are striving to emerge, and refuse to lose hope. I am quite pleased to have personally witnessed the positive working relationship exhibited between you and County Judge Steve Hamilton; you have often reached out a hand to our community especially in times of despair, and we have grabbed hold to be lifted.

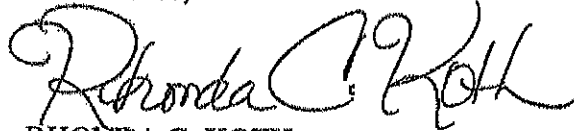
I am a strong supporter of the Bourbon County-Nicholas County Joint Economic Development Authority plans of a regional industrial park. Both counties are exceedingly committed to the development of the park and its surrounding area. As you are aware, the project goal is to proceed with expansion of existing infrastructure in order to simulate essential economic activity.

While Nicholas County is an equal partner in the venture, our county's annual budget pales in comparison to the funds that may be contributed by Bourbon County. On that note most grants, if funded, require matching contributions, a true inhibiting factor for Nicholas County, as every dollar matters in order that essential services may be provided to our community. The Community

Project Funding Request, if awarded, would be an answer to prayers in order that Nicholas County continues to vigorously promote economic growth in this region.

Your thoughtful consideration of the county's request is sincerely appreciated. We have for as long as I can remember, been identified as the "little community with a big heart." We refuse to lose hope. With your continued support, we will emerge, bound in love of community and determination to succeed.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda C. Koth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

RHONDA C. KOTH

Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce

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*S. Roger and Kelly D. Rice  
187 Scott Road  
Carlisle, KY 40311*

March 26, 2024

Mr. Andy Barr  
Congressman Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Lexington District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Road, Suite 100  
Lexington, KY 40509

Re: Nicholas/Bourbon County Industrial Park Improvement Grant

Dear Congressman Barr:

Let us briefly introduce ourselves to you so that you will understand our interest in this project on behalf of our community. My name is Roger Rice and I was the long time manager (40 years) of the agricultural supply company, Southern States, located in the heart of the city of Carlisle, Nicholas County. My wife, Kelly, has worked for local attorney, Dawn Letcher, for over 30 years and came to Nicholas County in the 1980's as the 4-H Agent. We are keenly aware of the situation in the area, as we were fully involved in the agricultural industry and the satellite businesses and interests that go along with the ups and downs of anyone who farms or depends on farming as their livelihood. The slow disintegration of the local tobacco farming industry helped put our particular Southern States store out of business and we have seen the negative results of this and the Jockey plant closing on our friends and neighbors. The new cooperative industrial improvement project of the Bourbon/Nicholas County Industrial Authority is a beacon of hope to our entire area and we would like to lend our full support of this project.

The very real possibility of new jobs, industry, utility infrastructure, along with a positive boost for the local real estate business and our school system, among other entities, is exciting and we are extremely hopeful that this grant will help to ensure the success of any business that makes the decision to come to our area and make their home here. After several years of our community suffering floods, unemployment, business failure and losing the nursing home, we are ready to move forward and look towards a positive future.

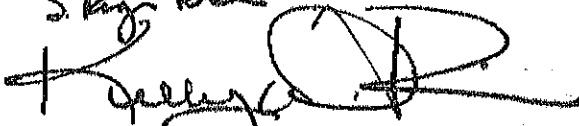
We would like to personally thank you for all that you have done for our little community and we are so very thrilled to be asked to lend our voices in support of this project that will affect our area for many, many years to come.

Our "little town with a big heart" has had some true "heartbreaks" over the last few years, but we haven't lost hope. Please consider us for this amazing opportunity to leap forward and improve the entire area and help the current and future citizens of our close-knit community.

Thank you for your time and all of your efforts that are directed towards this and other projects that directly effect our communities.

Sincerely,

S. Roger Rice



S. Roger Rice and Kelly D. Rice  
Nicholas County Citizens

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Stephen L. Scalf  
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Congressman Andy Barr  
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY25 Appropriations – Community Projects Funding Request

Dear Mr. Barr,

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

I am writing to inform you of several reasons why Nicholas County should receive favorable consideration for Community Projects Funding for infrastructure development necessary to establish an industrial park.

Over the past 25 years, Nicholas County has seen a tremendous loss of employment opportunities. Jockey International had been the largest employer in the county until it shut down both its knitting and sewing factories. More recently, the county lost both its hospital and its nursing home. Most county residents now work outside the county at places like Toyota, 3M, Nestle, CMWA in Paris, or in health care professions at nearby hospitals.

I work as a substitute teacher for Nicholas County Schools and am with students on nearly a daily basis. The demographics of this primarily rural county produce a high percentage of high school graduates who have no desire to attend college, but rather hope to find some kind of work locally. Many of these young people remain in the county to assist on family farms, but need additional employment to be able to start families of their own.

With the completion of the US Hwy 68 expansion, Nicholas County has seen a significant influx of families from other parts of the United States, such as California and Texas. Additionally, residents of Versailles and Nicholasville who battle traffic into Lexington daily have begun to realize that the trip from Nicholas County is now much faster, and offers significantly lower property tax rates, as well as lower cost per acre.

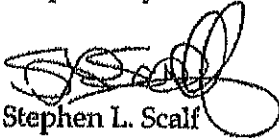
The expanded US Hwy 68 offers easy access to interstates. Nicholas County also has access to rail, natural gas, and with infrastructure development access to plentiful water and power, it has become attractive to industries, particularly those that can augment production of larger industries located in the region.

With the growth in Nicholas County's available workforce, and its lower property tax rates, with the investment in infrastructure development to provide the site with adequate electric,

water, sewer, and access into existing rail and natural gas, this community project will benefit not only Nicholas County, but also other industries throughout the entire region.

For these reasons, I strongly urge your support of Nicholas County's request for funding for this community project.

Respectfully,



Stephen L. Scalf

President  
Ministerial Association

President  
Carlisle Rotary Club

Substitute Teacher  
Nicholas County Schools