

# UK Jefferson County Cooperative Extension

June - September 2024

# Extension Model

- ▶ Federal Statute
  - ▶ One Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent
  - ▶ One Family Consumer Sciences Agent
- ▶ State Statute
  - ▶ One 4-H Agent
- ▶ State Statute mandates that Extension is funded with Federal, State & Local Funds
  - ▶ All counties in Kentucky (except 5) have a tax base to fund their extension offices
- ▶ Metro Louisville funds (\$182,500 of \$335,000 from previous year)
  - ▶ Support staff, additional 4-H agent, Rent, utilities, internet access, phone system, etc, office supplies, community gardens, garden manager,
  - ▶ No money for programming dollars (only Jefferson County)
- ▶ UK budgeted over \$600,000 to support Extension in Jefferson County

# 4-H Youth Development

- ▶ 2 Full Time 4-H Agents, 2 Full Time Program Assistants, 1 PT Program Asst
- ▶ All programming uses has no funding from District Board/Lou Metro Funds
- ▶ 1 Agent Salary is District Board Funded
- ▶ 12 Separate Program Initiatives - over 550 participants, 19 Metro Districts
- ▶ 3 Programs where participants could not be counted
  - ▶ 4-H summer camp - 233 participants, 14 metro districts
  - ▶ Sowing Seeds summer enrichment - 196 participants, 9 metro districts
  - ▶ County Fair entries - 9 metro districts
  - ▶ Greater Galilee Summer Camp - 5 metro districts
  - ▶ Over 2000 eggs hatched in classrooms per year

# ANR - Agriculture & Natural Resources

- ▶ 1 ANR Agent, 1 Horticultural Technician, 1 Community Garden Manager (PT)
- ▶ 14 Metro Districts served
- ▶ \$2874.40 in District Board / Metro Funds
- ▶ 178 Soil Tests, 83 Plant Issues, 27 Insect Issues, 18 Weeds
- ▶ Managed Community Gardens
  - ▶ Water, Trash Pickup, Portolets, (water shut off at end of season) Gardener Issues
  - ▶ Much time devoted to finding sponsors to take over Community Gardens and support gardeners during the transition
- ▶ 13 other program initiatives
  - ▶ NRCS Field Day, Chicken Series, Manages Ag Development Program & Works with CAIP which provide funding for Louisville Residents, Container Gardening, Distribution of Cover Crop, Seed Library

# Family Consumer Sciences

- ▶ One FCS Agent, 20 Metro Districts, over 525 participants
  - ▶ Healthy Cooking,
  - ▶ Farmers Markets,
  - ▶ Summer Gardening in Senior Centers,
  - ▶ Dare to Care Food Bank Life Skills for Adults with Disabilities,
  - ▶ Disabled Adult Independent Lifeskills programs,
  - ▶ Food As Medicine
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- ▶ Zero Programming Dollars from District Board Funds

# Nutritional Education

- ▶ 710 Participants - all 26 Metro Districts
- ▶ Over 200 Adult Participants completed over 7 hours of Direct Nutritional Education
- ▶ Over 500 youth completed over 6 hours of Direct Nutritional Education

These programs target low income families and individuals to assist in planning nutritious meals on a limited budget. Includes training on acquiring food, safe handling of food, food prep skills, etc.

# How has Jefferson County managed with no programming dollars

- ▶ Louisville residents 4-H camp costs are over \$300 per student
  - ▶ Other counties supplement this to reduce student costs.
  - ▶ They provide income based scholarships
- ▶ Other counties have made supply and material donations to Jefferson County
  - ▶ Copy paper, program materials, office supplies,
- ▶ UK has allowed us access to “other funds” until 12/31/2024.
- ▶ Landlord has graciously foregone rent increases for years
  - ▶ Absorbed many other expenses

# The lack of funding hurts the most vulnerable

- ▶ Because we cannot supplement costs for programming in Louisville
  - ▶ Resident cost must pay the full cost of all programs. Only those who can afford to pay this cost can afford to participate in programs.
- ▶ If we are forced to eliminate the county funded 4-H agent position, programming will be reduced by 50% in Jefferson County

# Metro Louisville Budget Surplus

- ▶ Promised \$100,000 to Extension if there was a budget surplus
- ▶ \$16,000,000 Budget Surplus