



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution for Mayor’s Signature on an Application to Receive the Tennessee Agriculture Growth Initiative Farmers Market Grant

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the City of Kingsport will authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to apply for and receive the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Agricultural Growth Initiative Farmers Market Grant for the Kingsport Farmers Market.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture administers the Statewide Agricultural Farmers Market Grant Program through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP). The purpose of the program is to increase income opportunities for Tennessee farmers by supporting marketing, promotion, and improvements to farmers markets across the state.

Through this program, qualified farmers markets may receive grants of up to \$1,500 to support activities such as advertising, social media promotion, and marketing materials. The Kingsport Farmers Market is eligible to participate in the program and intends to use the funds to support promotional and marketing efforts during the 2026 market season.

The grant provides up to \$1,500 in reimbursable funding, and no local matching funds are required.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Grant Application
- 3. Grant Contract

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