

DAYTON

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

October 22, 2021

Dayton Development Coalition
PDAC request

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau, I would like to request the Priority Development and Advocacy Committee consider funding for the Montgomery County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds Improvement Project.

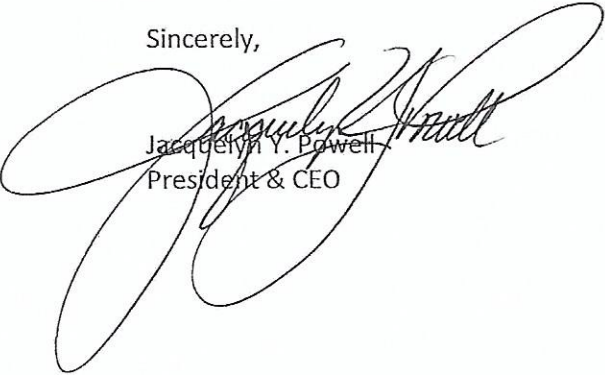
The project consists of:

- Upgrading buildings 4 and 5 by connecting them, allowing the ability to have a show ring for livestock exhibitions as well as additional square footage for events.
- Campground upgrades to include the addition of a dump station and restrooms with additional improvements to meet licensing requirements by the State of Ohio.
- Drainage improvements for large truck and semi-trailer parking for events in the track area of the fairgrounds.
- Amusement/vendor area power upgrades which would eliminate the need for generator power during the fair and other track events throughout the year.

The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau believes that an enhanced Montgomery County Fairgrounds will provide more opportunities to bring tourism and events and greater economic impact to the Greater Dayton region and the State of Ohio.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of funding for this worthy project.

Sincerely,


Jacquelyn Y. Powell
President & CEO



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October 29, 2021

Priority Development and Advocacy Committee
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900 Kettering Tower
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RE: 2021 PDAC LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR Montgomery County Agricultural Society

Dear Dayton Development Coalition PDAC Members:

As the president of Montgomery County Farm Bureau (MCFB) and on behalf of our county board and members, we would like to offer our full support for the 2021 PDAC application for Montgomery County Agricultural Society in Dayton to make improvements to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

MCFB is part of the Ohio Farm Bureau, which formed in 1919 with the goal of assisting farmers throughout the state. Agriculture accounts for one in seven jobs in the state of Ohio through direct and indirect employment, which is an incredibly important factor for the Montgomery County workforce. The Farm Bureau is committed to growing Ohio's farms and supporting agriculture jobs.

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau and the Montgomery County Agricultural Society are united in serving this mission, which is to promote agriculture, youth, and adult development through the fair and educational programs, and provide facilities for the community.

This project consists of:

- Upgrading and connecting Buildings 4 and 5 to achieve permanent occupancy. This would allow the fair to have a show ring for livestock exhibitions as well as additional square footage for rental revenue.
- Campground upgrades, adding a dump station and restrooms with additional improvements to meet licensing requirements by the State of Ohio. This will provide additional revenue as a licensed campground.
- Drainage improvement and large truck and semi-trailer parking, east side of fairgrounds. This will improve the drainage in the northeast corner of the fairgrounds and enlarge the large truck and semi-trailer parking for events at the track area, allowing for more rental opportunities.
- Amusement/vendor area power upgrades, providing additional electrical power to the amusement area to eliminate the need for generator power during the fair and other track events.



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We firmly believe these enrichments to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds would cultivate success for future growth opportunities at this location. With your support, the Montgomery County Agricultural Society has the opportunity to positively impact our community by growing a venue that is dedicated to promoting and developing Ohio's food and agricultural industry.

Thank you for your consideration for funding these exciting improvements.

Thank you,

Steve Berk

President MCFB

CC:

Christy Montoya

Organization Director, MCFB



October 26, 2021

To: Montgomery County Agricultural Society (MCAS)

Re: Letter of Support for Fairgrounds Improvement Projects

Dear MCAS Board of Directors and Potential Funders,

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Ohio State University Extension, Montgomery County (OSU Extension) to potential funders for your planned Fairgrounds Improvement Projects totaling \$950,000. Our two organizations have worked collaboratively since 1960, supporting one another's projects, programs, and audiences.

OSU Extension Montgomery County supports MCAS efforts to secure funding for:

- 1) Upgrading buildings 4 and 5 by connecting them and upgrading the buildings so that we can have permanent occupancy. This would allow us to have a show ring for livestock exhibitions as well as additional square footage for rental revenue.
- 2) Campground upgrade, adding a dump station and restrooms with additional improvements to meet licensing requirements by the State of Ohio. This will provide additional revenue as a licensed campground.
- 3) Drainage improvement and large truck and semi-trailer parking on the east side of fairgrounds. This will improve the drainage in the NE corner of the fairgrounds and enlarge the large truck and semi-trailer parking for events at the track area, allowing for more rental opportunities.
- 4) Amusement/Vendor area power upgrades, providing additional electrical power to the amusement area to eliminate the need for generator power expenses during the fair and other track events.

Please contact me for further information.

Best Regards,

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