

MONTGOMERY C O U N T Y

November 3, 2022

Priority Development and Advocacy Committee
c/o Dayton Development Coalition
1401 S. Main St., Suite 200
Dayton, OH 45409

RE: Montgomery County Agricultural Society Fairgrounds Capital Improvements

Dear Priority Development and Advocacy Committee:

The Montgomery County Commissioners submit this letter in of support of the funding request from the Montgomery County Agricultural Society (MCAS) to the Priority Development and Advocacy Committee for their Fairgrounds Capital Improvements project.

The MCAS seeks to improve its facilities to benefit the agricultural and farm community in our region and provide economic development in an underserved area of our region as well as to bring business to the West Dayton area. These improvements include:

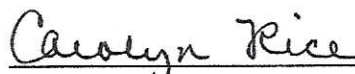
- Complete campground upgrades to meet State of Ohio licensing requirements.
- Build a multi-purpose building for livestock exhibition and year-round rental use.
- Upgrade the electric power infrastructure to service outdoor vendor areas.
- Improve existing building for permanent occupancy.


The year-round events and county fair generate significant business and revenue for the surrounding areas. The fairground facilities are used as an educational and recreational venue for the region. The improvements will enhance revenue sources and provide long-term financial sustainability for the MCAS.

In addition, the fairgrounds serve a key role in disaster preparedness as an emergency staging area for Montgomery County and FEMA. These improvements will be available for the use of all first responders during emergency and disaster situations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,


Carolyn Rice
Commission President


Deborah A. Lieberman
Commissioner


Judy Dodge
Commissioner

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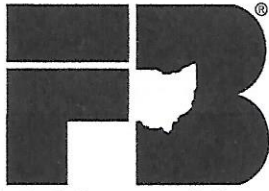
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November 1, 2022

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900 Kettering Tower
Dayton, OH 45423

***RE: 2022 PDAC LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR Montgomery County Agricultural Society (MCAS)
Fairgrounds Capital Improvement***

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 2022 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:

- Complete campground upgrades to meet State of Ohio licensing requirements
- Build a multi-purpose building for livestock exhibition and year-round rental use
- Upgrade electric power infrastructure to service outdoor vendor areas
- Improve existing buildings for permanent occupancy

We firmly believe that continued enrichments to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds will 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 21, 2022

To: Dayton Development Coalition
Priority Development & Advocacy Committee – Economic Development Review Panel

Re: Letter of Support for MCAS (Montgomery County Agricultural Society) Fairgrounds Capital Improvements

Dear Leadership of the Dayton Development Coalition,

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Ohio State University Extension, Montgomery County 4-H for the planned Fairgrounds Improvement Projects totaling \$1,50,000. Our two organizations (MCAS and OSU Extension & 4-H) have worked collaboratively since 1960, supporting one another's projects, programs, and audiences.

OSU Extension Montgomery County 4-H supports MCAS efforts to secure funding for the following capital improvement upgrades:

- 1) Complete campground upgrades to meet State of Ohio licensing requirements
- 2) Build a multi-purpose building for livestock exhibition and year-round rental use
- 3) Upgrade electric power infrastructure to service outdoor vendor areas
- 4) Improve existing buildings for permanent occupancy

These improvements will benefit the agricultural and farm communities in our region, as well as provide economic development in an underserved area of our region and bring business to the West Dayton area. The year-round events and county fair generate significant business and revenue for the surrounding areas. The fairground facilities are used as an educational and recreational venue for the region. The improvements will enhance revenue sources and provide long-term financial sustainability for the MCAS.

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Please contact me for further information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth J. Wingerter

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