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June 11, 2021

To the Washington Co. Finance and Budget Committee:

The Washington County Cooperative Extension Service budget request of \$222,612 remains at the same level as in the past four years. It includes:

\$222,000 - for a portion of salaries for seven (of the twelve full-time staff) \$600 - for dues and memberships <u>\$12</u> - for fire and extended coverage \$222,612 = Total

## Salaries

The Cooperative Extension Service has offices in all 75 counties that are funded through a combination of federal, state and county support. The county contribution for each office is based on a uniform funding structure established in 2002 and amended in 2016 to pay a portion of staff salaries. It is a great return on investment for county dollars. The state pays the largest percentage of salaries and fringes and adds Maintenance and Operations (M & O) funding and additional support comes from federal support and grants. The *Washington County Cooperative Extension Service – Current Salary Funding* pie chart shows the split among funding sources.

## **Dues and Memberships**

The seven County Extension Agents maintain a membership in their applicable state and national professional association including the County Agricultural Agents Association, Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, Association of Natural Resources and the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals. The \$600 covers the cost of these annual dues.

## Fire and Extended Coverage

This is the portion of coverage for the Cooperative Extension Service office.

We are privileged to provide impactful educational programs and research-based information to the people of Washington County in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, community and leadership development and 4-H youth development. Our locally-led planning guides our programming to address educational needs specifically identified for Washington County communities to provide immediate and practical applications.

I look forward to visiting with the Washington County Finance and Budget Committee to answer any questions about our budget and program impacts. Until then, if you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 479-444-1755 or email at <u>kteague@uada.edu</u>.

Sincerely, Katie Scagne Katie Teague

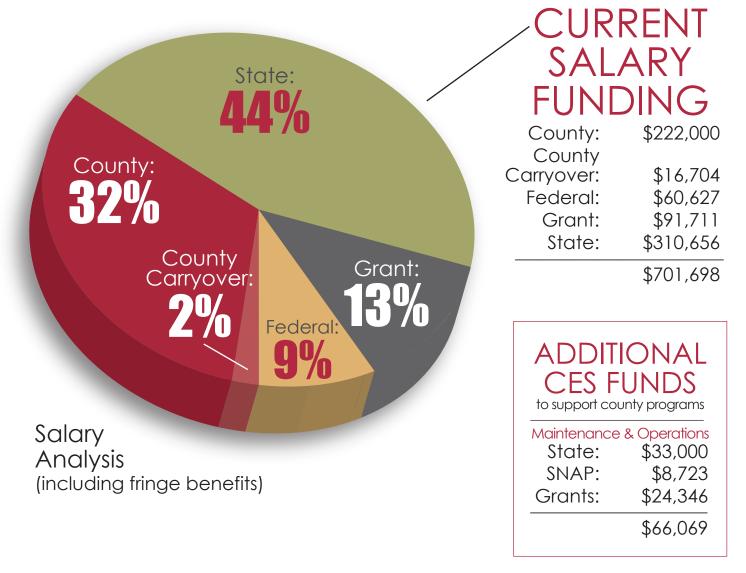
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