

GROW NKY FUNDING REQUESTS

Appropriate the Necessary Funding for Workforce and Education

Ensuring workforce development is funded at adequate levels is essential to the overall growth of the NKY region.

WHAT IS GROW NKY?

Growing Regional Outcomes through Workforce (GROW) NKY is a collective impact strategy comprised of a coalition of leaders across key industries, educational institutions, and community organizations working collaboratively to leverage the region's assets to grow, attract and retain a globally competitive workforce. GROW NKY brings together workforce partners to address the regional skills and people gap and focuses on ensuring Northern Kentucky can support business growth through a strategic workforce effort.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Improve Kentucky's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) by increasing reimbursement rates and incentives for high-quality child care centers. Expand eligibility to 200% of the federal poverty level.

Increase eligibility of Kentucky's public preschools to 200% of the federal poverty level, incentivize partnerships between public preschool and private child care, and establish a fixed dollar amount per-child rate.

K-12 EDUCATION

Provide funding for schools to implement the 2019 School Safety Bill and ensure funding for this program and any additional public education initiatives does not detract from funding of existing programs.

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Increase performance-based funding appropriation by 10% (\$74.9M). The formula was proposed and enacted three years ago but has yet to be fully funded.

Increase funding from the state for dual credit tuition rate from 1/3 to 1/2.

Approve \$400 million bond issuance to be allocated to institutions for asset preservation and require 1/2 match by institutions.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Establish a permanent fund for grants to workforce boards and other providers to provide more industry-focused training and retraining initiatives targeted at high-demand jobs with good career pathway opportunities.