

# Bluegrass

## Community & Technical College

### Office of the President

April 8, 2016

The Honorable Jim Gray  
Office of the Mayor  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
200 E. Main St.  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray:

We believe in investing in downtown. It's good for downtown and good for the investor. That's why we believe in the Town Branch Commons Corridor Project and the importance of the TIGER grant investment.

Five years ago, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, one of the largest two-year community and technical colleges in the state, broke ground on a 92,240-square-foot, four-story Classroom Building in an underserved area of Lexington. The LEED-certified facility now accommodates over 1,500 students and houses 11 academic programs, including high-wage, high-demand programs such as Computer Information Technology.

The Classroom Building was an unprecedented opportunity to help transform a neighborhood, a city, and a region. We had many partners help us become a brand new, vibrant, urban community college campus.

It's good for our students to have a state-of-the-art building that is easy to access. And it's good for the neighborhood, much of which is low-income, that educational opportunities are within walking distance and on convenient bus lines.

We envision a similar transformation with the Town Branch Commons Corridor project. Not only will the project benefit our students who live in and travel through downtown, it will also improve downtown with accessibility and environmentally friendly features.

Finally, it will benefit the investors – from the city to the federal government to private organizations – as they see a downtown that is vibrant, citizens who are connected to increased opportunity and visitors who spend money at our stores and restaurants.

**Cooper Campus**  
470 Cooper Drive  
Lexington, KY 40506-0235  
859-246-6200

**Leestown Campus**  
164 Opportunity Way  
Lexington, KY 40511-2623  
859-246-6200

**Newtown Campus**  
500 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY 40508-1207  
859-246-6200

**Danville Campus**  
59 Corporate Drive  
Danville, KY 40422-9690  
859-239-7030

**Lawrenceburg Campus**  
1500 Bypass North, US 127  
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342-9465  
502-839-8488

**Winchester - Clark  
County Campus**  
2020 Rolling Hills Lane  
Winchester, KY 40391-6078  
859-737-3098

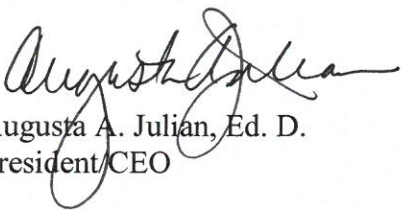
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From our own experience with our transformative Classroom Building, we know that big ideas aren't realized without partnerships. For this reason – and for all the project benefits to our students, their potential employers and their community – we ask for funding to support the Town Branch Commons Corridor project.

If you need any additional information, please contact me by email at [augusta.julian@kctcs.edu](mailto:augusta.julian@kctcs.edu) or by phone at 859-246-6501.

Sincerely,



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