



MEMO FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR

2022 Extension Department Budget

To: Joe Martin, County Administrator

Date: July 20, 2021

On the behalf of the Le Sueur County Extension Committee (CEC), the recommended 2022 Extension Department budget, 2022-2024 Memorandum of Agreement & addendum are attached.

Requests for budget changes in 2022:

- Maintain Extension staffing levels of a 1.0 FTE 4-H Educator & a 0.5 FTE Agriculture Educator. 2022 represents year 1 of the 2022-2024 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Le Sueur County and the University of Minnesota. The MOA includes an increase in staff price of 2.25% in 2022, 2.25% in 2023 and a 2.5% in 2024. The CEC recommends the Le Sueur County Board approve & sign the attached MOA.
- Maintain Summer Intern for the 4-H program at 480 hours. The CEC recommends the Le Sueur County Board approve & sign the attached addendum.
- Maintain Administrative Support position. The CEC recommends continued support at current level of full time.
- Due to decrease in annual cost of the Agriculture educator and non-use of budget lines 6254, 6301 & 6338, the CEC recommends establishing a new budget line "Extension Programming" for a budget of \$4500 with removal of the aforementioned lines.

The Extension Office provides a valuable service to the Le Sueur County citizens with access to research-based information and addressing community needs. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and the County Board to discuss this budget request.

Sincerely,

Lisa M Dierks, Regional Director

