



**Economic Development Authority
for Albemarle County, Virginia**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL MATCH SUPPORT
FOR THE BELLAIR FARM “COLDLINK COLLABORATIVE – CENTRAL VA”
AFID INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Bellair Farm is among the region’s largest direct-to-consumer agricultural producers, serving over 650 CSA households and additional retail and wholesale customers, with operations grounded in responsible land stewardship practices, including rotational grazing and silvopasture systems supporting sustainable livestock production; and

WHEREAS, Bellair Farm currently raises and processes approximately 60–80 hogs annually and has the capacity to scale production to meet expanding market demand; and

WHEREAS, Bellair Farm proposes to purchase, retrofit, and maintain a used Class 3–6 refrigerated box truck—the “Coldlink Collaborative – Central VA”—to fulfill market demand while maintaining food-safe handling standards; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Coldlink Collaborative expansion is expected to (i) grow the supply of locally-produced pork, (ii) support long-term rotational grazing and land management goals, (iii) create or expand one year-round part-time job, and (iv) strengthen regional food infrastructure linking farm, processor, butcher, food banks, and farmers markets; and

WHEREAS, Bellair Farm seeks \$22,000 in total AFID Infrastructure grant funding from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), with a local match request of \$11,000, to leverage cash and in-kind contributions toward the project, and County staff recommends EDA support for this application based on its potential to strengthen Central Virginia’s regional food network, expand market access for local producers, and contribute to sustainable economic growth in Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, staff has advised that, if the AFID Infrastructure grant application is awarded later this year, a request for matching fund support will be brought to the EDA for action and that the Economic Development Opportunity Fund (EOF) would be the source of local match funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Economic Development Authority for Albemarle County, Virginia, that:



1. Approval of Local Match (Contingent): The EDA hereby approves a local match grant not to exceed Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) from the Economic Development Opportunity Fund (EOF) to support the Bellair Farm “Coldlink Collaborative – Central VA” project, contingent upon VDACS’ award of an AFID Infrastructure grant to the project and subject to the conditions herein.
2. Purpose of Funds: Local match funds will be used for eligible costs associated with the project’s refrigerated truck purchase and retrofit and related infrastructure necessary to meet food-safety requirements for transporting whole, fresh hogs, consistent with the AFID Infrastructure program guidelines.
3. Performance & Reporting: As a condition of funding, Bellair Farm must (a) provide documentation of the AFID Infrastructure award, (b) execute a grant agreement with the EDA, (c) submit periodic performance reports (at least annually for two years) detailing outputs and outcomes, which may include hogs supplied, additional yield captured, revenue impacts, job creation/expansion, and progress toward rotational grazing and regional food infrastructure linkages as described in the staff memo.
4. Disbursement: Disbursement of local match funds may occur only after (a) receipt of AFID award documentation, (b) execution of a grant agreement satisfactory to EDA counsel, and (c) evidence of eligible expenditures (e.g., purchase/retrofit invoices for the refrigerated truck).
5. Compliance: The project and expenditure of EDA funds must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including Virginia public procurement and AFID program requirements, and will be administered in accordance with EDA policies.
6. Clawback/Remedies: The grant agreement will include customary provisions for recapture or reimbursement if (a) AFID funding is not awarded, (b) project scope materially changes without EDA approval, or (c) performance and reporting obligations are not met.
7. Authorization: The Chair and/or Assistant Secretary of the EDA are authorized to take all actions, execute all documents, and make such modifications not materially adverse to the EDA as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
8. Effective Date: This Resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption.



I, Emily Kilroy, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is the Resolution duly adopted by the Economic Development Authority for the County of Albemarle, Virginia, by a vote of ___to ___as recorded below, at a meeting held on March 17, 2026.

Emily Kilroy
Assistant Secretary

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Dir. Long	_____	_____
Dir. Hood	_____	_____
Dir. Johnson	_____	_____
Dir. Storm	_____	_____
Dir. Friedman	_____	_____
Dir. Mechnick	_____	_____
Dir. Cox	_____	_____