

First Reading: February 21, 2017  
Second Reading: February 28, 2017  
Pass: YES; 16-10-1  
Fail:  
Other:

Resolution 8-17-S      Bill to Help Fund the Community Farmers Market “Double Dollars” Program and the Big Red Bikes program within the Office of Sustainability

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate a total of \$1314.03 from discretionary legislative funding to the WKU Office of Sustainability, with \$500 allocated to the “Double Dollars” matching program at the Community Farmers Market and \$814.03 allocated to the “Big Red Bikes” program.

**WHEREAS:** The Community Farmers Market is a year-round producer-only farmers market located in Bowling Green , Kentucky which has been supported by many students from WKU in search of locally sourced fresh produce.

**WHEREAS:** In 2016, \$4,032.28 Big Red Dollars were spent at the Community Farmers Market. (A 160% increase!) 92% of those dollars were doubled through the “Double Dollars” program. So, \$7,743.56 worth of fresh food directly from local farmers to students in 2016. (179% increase from 2015 to 2016!)

**WHEREAS:** As students spend more money on local food, it becomes increasingly challenging for Community Farmers Market to double those dollars as the majority of the funding for the “Double Dollars” program is acquired mostly from private donations , and

**WHEREAS:** The Big Red Bikes program has been an incredibly successful program through the office of Sustainability, with a fleet of over 53 bikes and 70 in storage needing upkeep, two fix-it stations around campus, and a student bike repairer on staff.

**WHEREAS:** In 2011 and 2013, Big Red Bikes received the Paula Nye Memorial Education Grant from the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeways Commission with funds generated from the “Share the Road” license plates, which allowed for significant upgrade to the mechanic shop and expansion of the program. This grant has since ended, leaving this program underfunded and demand ever increasing, and

**WHEREAS:** The needed equipment for Big Red Bikes can put an additional 70 bikes into the hands of students, decreasing our reliance on cars and starting to create a more bike-friendly culture across campus , and

**WHEREAS:** WKU SGA has been incredibly supportive of sustainable solutions around campus, and with Earth Day fast approaching would be wise to show our support to both students and the local community.

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the allocation a total of \$1314.03 from discretionary legislative funding to the WKU Office of Sustainability, with \$500 allocated to the “Double Dollars” matching program at the Community Farmers Market and \$814.03 allocated to the “Big Red Bikes” program.

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