

CHRIS FORD COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SERVICES

TO:

Mayor Jim Gray

Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM:

Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE:

July 28, 2017

SUBJECT:

Accreditation Agreement with Council on Accreditation

Request:

Request approval for the Mayor to execute an Accreditation Agreement with the Council on Accreditation (COA), for reaccreditation of the Department of Social Services

Why are you requesting?

Reaccreditation through COA is required every four years, and the Department of Social Services has been accredited continuously since the early 1980's. This affiliation ensures that the Department implements best practices, may provide an advantage in applying for grant funding, and allows the Department to benchmark itself with other innovative human services programs across the country.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

COA Reaccreditation Fees are \$18,695 in Fiscal Year 2017 and the Site Visit cost will be approximately \$7900 in Fiscal Year 2018.

Are the funds budgeted?

The \$18,695 for FY17 is budgeted in account 1101-606101-6001-71299. Funds for FY18 will be requested in the FY18 Budget

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Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford

