

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2024

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) Application for the Division
of Emergency Management**

Request: Council authorization to submit an application, and accept an award if offered, to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security under the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding in the amount of \$25,600 to further the Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, program conducted by the Division of Emergency Management. No grant match is required.

Purpose of Request: The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

The Division of Emergency Management requests to submit an application for CERT training courses for the public to be held in the spring and fall each year. CERT classes follow the standard FEMA curriculum and are taught by a variety of community partners. By developing disaster preparedness and response skills, citizens that complete the CERT training are better prepared to take care of themselves and their families when disasters occur. The purpose of this request is to support the CERT program community outreach and emergency preparedness activities in Fayette County. Funds from this grant would supply the necessary gear, equipment and training materials for 100 CERT students.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$25,600 is being requested in Fiscal Year 2025. No local match is required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are funds budgeted: Budget amendment will be completed if approved for funding.

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Director/Commissioner: Larkin/Armstrong



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