



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: MARCH 21, 2024

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Application under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant- Fire Prevention and Safety for Division of Fire and Emergency Services

Request: Council authorization to submit an application and accept if offered to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program - Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) requesting federal funding in the amount of \$23,787.31 to purchase smoke alarms in Lexington-Fayette County. Match in the amount of \$1,189.37 is required and is budgeted.

Purpose of Request: The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards. The FP&S grant program accomplishes this by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development.

The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The Community Services Bureau of the Lexington Fire Department implemented a free smoke alarm installation program within our community. This program aims to reduce home fire injuries, fatalities, property loss, and damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards in at-risk neighborhoods and aligns with the mission and objectives of the FP&S Grant Program. This grant award would allow us to conduct organized smoke alarm canvasses to target identified at-risk neighborhoods whose homes might not be up to modern life safety codes and provide them with a free service to make their homes safe and compliant.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? If the grant is approved, federal funds in the amount of \$23,787.31 will be awarded, requiring a 5% match of match of \$1,189.37.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if approved.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

