

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ONE OR MORE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE GRANT APPLICATIONS, FOR GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00, FOR SUPPORT OF THE EMPOWER LEXINGTON PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (“LFUCG”) recognizes that becoming more energy efficient is key to Lexington-Fayette County becoming a more resilient and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, resilient and sustainable communities result in healthy environments for their citizens and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of community stakeholders, consultants, and others developed the Empower Lexington plan which is intended to facilitate voluntary reductions in per capita energy use; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Urban County Council adopted Resolution No. 220 - 2012 in support the Empower Lexington plan and further resolved to work with community stakeholders and citizens to implement the Empower Lexington plan as resources allow; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update, the Urban County Council adopted goals and objectives that included, among others, reducing Lexington-Fayette County’s carbon footprint and continuing programs and initiatives to improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, community stakeholders have, on a volunteer basis, continued to advocate the voluntary implementation of energy efficiency and sustainability measures identified in the Empower Lexington plan; and

WHEREAS, employment of professional staff to facilitate efforts to improve energy efficiency and promote sustainability in ways consistent with the Empower Lexington plan will benefit the citizens of Lexington-Fayette County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is authorized to execute and submit one or more grant applications and to provide any additional information requested in connection with those

grant applications, for grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for support of the Empower Lexington program.

Section 2 – That, without express authorization by further resolution by the Urban County Council, such grant applications may not anticipate any obligation on the part of LFUCG to expend funds or cash resources unless those expenditures are reimbursed or otherwise supported by grant funds.

Section 3 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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