



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

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

DATE: APRIL 24, 2025

**SUBJECT: Accept Grant Funds from the Kentucky Emergency Management FY2025
Search and Rescue (SAR) Aid Fund for the Division of Fire and Emergency
Services**

Request: Council authorization to execute an agreement and accept an award from the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management under the FY2025 Search and Rescue (SAR) Aid Fund Program in the amount of \$14,762.00 for Division of Fire and Emergency Services. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: On March 20, 2025, the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) awarded \$14,762 in federal grant funds to the Lexington Fire Department through the Search and Rescue (SAR) Aid Fund Program. These funds are designated to help develop, train, and equip local rescue squads, as authorized under KRS 39F.100. As part of the approved equipment list provided by KYEM, the department will purchase a drone to enhance aerial search capabilities during rescue operations.

This investment will strengthen the Division of Fire's Search and Rescue program and improve our ability to respond to emergency incidents that require aerial assessment and real-time situational awareness.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$14,762 in federal funds has been awarded for Fiscal Year 2025. No matching funds are required. Future funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

