



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
HOUSING ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: March 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Accept Emergency Rental Assistance grant from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the continued administration of the Housing Stabilization Program

Request: Council authorization to accept a direct reallocation of federal Emergency Rental Assistance grant funds totaling \$11,700,000.00 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the continued administration of the Housing Stabilization Program by the Division of Grants & Special Programs. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: In January 2021, LFUCG was awarded Emergency Rental Assistance funds totaling \$9,663,722.30 by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible residents of Fayette County. The Division of Grants & Special Programs administered spending of these funds through the Housing Stabilization Program. LFUCG received an additional award totaling \$7,646,451.20 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in May 2021 and received a sub-award totaling \$11,700,000.00 from Kentucky Housing Corporation pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement executed in July 2021. Day-to-day operation of the Housing Stabilization Program is carried out by Community Action Council and other sub-recipient organizations.

In order to meet significant continued need for rent and utility assistance, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Kentucky Housing Corporation have offered to voluntarily reallocate an additional \$11,700,000.00 of Emergency Rental Assistance funds that were allocated to the state in January 2021. The U.S. Department of the Treasury has notified LFUCG that it has approved the state's request for such a voluntary reallocation to LFUCG. Upon receipt, these funds will be used to continue administration of the Housing Stabilization Program, with Community Action Council continuing to carry out the program's day-to-day operation, subject to Council's separate approval of an amendment to the existing sub-recipient agreement with Community Action Council.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? An award of federal funds totaling \$11,700,000.00 is anticipated for FY 2022. No matching funds are required.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment for FY 2022 is in progress.

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter