

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2021

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Urban County Council adopted the Greater Good Report with partners working collectively to, among other efforts, help households resolve their homelessness, increase the number of housing options, launch new innovative programming to reduce homelessness, establish the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention, and the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board;

WHEREAS, these initiatives and financial investments have reduced the homeless population on any given night in Fayette County by 61.6% since 2014;

WHEREAS, despite the substantial reductions in homelessness, the housing crisis continues with 593 total persons including children still experiencing homelessness on any given night in Fayette County.

WHEREAS, annually, the Fayette County homelessness response system provides services to over 4,000 persons including children;

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the Office of Homelessness in conjunction with the Office of Affordable Housing and other divisions the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Continuum of Care partners embarked on strategic planning and an extensive community engagement process to develop a new five (5) year Strategic Plan to further reduce homelessness in Fayette County;

WHEREAS, during the development of the new Strategic Plan, community feedback was sought to identify successes and challenges in the homeless system of care, and to collect innovative and inspiring ideas about how to address homelessness generally, and specifically for certain subgroups such as youth and families;

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan provides stakeholders with a common agenda that, if followed, will result in large collective impact, and endorsement of the new Strategic Plan will provide the Urban County Council the certainty to continue implementing strategies that also align with the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Council supports the Strategic Plan's overarching goals of (1) Community Outreach and Engagement, (2) Preventing Homelessness, (3) Policy and Advocacy, (4) Funding Sources, (5) Expanding Permanent Supportive

Housing.

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

Section 1 – That the above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

Section 2 – That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government desires to
ensure that funding is made available each fiscal year for Ordinance 103-2014.

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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