



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER  
HOUSING, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: JANUARY 31, 2022**

**SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Application under the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant- Fire Prevention and Safety for Division of Fire and Emergency Services**

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) requesting federal funding in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase hard wired and 10 year sealed smoke alarms.

**Purpose of the 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. Residential fires remain the cause of approximately 80 percent of fire deaths each year. The purpose of this project is to purchase new hard wired and 10-year battery smoke alarms to install in Fayette County, with the overall goal of making Lexington an even safer place to live.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** If the grant is approved, federal funds in the amount of \$25,000 will be awarded, requiring a 5% match of \$1,250.

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

**File Number:** 0141-22

**Director/Commissioner:** Wells/Armstrong

