



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
Division of Grants and Special Programs

TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: MARCH 9, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION  
FOR A VIOLENT GANG AND GUN CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM  
(PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS) GRANT— FY 2014

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An application has been prepared for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice under the 2013 Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program, also known as Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach. The U.S. Attorney (USA) is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement gang and gun crime enforcement, intervention and prevention initiatives within the district. This program was formerly funded based upon a formula; however, beginning with the 2012 submission has become competitive.

The amount of federal funds requested is \$300,000. The Lexington Fayette Urban County Government will serve in the capacity of fiscal agent. No matching funds are required. If approved funds will be used by the LFUCG and Kentucky State Police for targeted law enforcement, by Commonwealth Attorneys in Fayette County, Kenton County, and the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit for prosecution of gang/gun crimes, and by Fayette County Public Schools for a gang prevention program based by Martin Luther King Academy for Excellence.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

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