



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

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

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 23, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with University of Kentucky Research Foundation (UKRF)

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**Request:** Council authorization to execute agreement in the amount of \$44,927 with the University of Kentucky Research Foundation (UKRF) for the provision of evaluation services for the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.

**Purpose of Request:** On November 3, 2022 (Resolution 612-2022), Council approved acceptance of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 for the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE). The funding agency requires recipients to contract with a service provider who will collect data and evaluate performance. The Division of Social Services listed the University of Kentucky Research Foundation as the required evaluator in the grant application.

UKRF will provide evaluation services pertaining to Year 1 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE) Project. The purpose of the project is to assist individuals with substance use disorder to navigate the local SUD treatment system, including providing information and referrals, and removing barriers to treatment.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** \$44,927 is budgeted. Future budget years will depend on additional grant funding.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Yes, funds are budgeted as follow:

FUND	DEPT ID	SECT	ACCT	PROJECT	ACTIVITY	BUD REF	AMOUNT
3190	606105	0001	71299	SMHSABFREE_2023	FED_GRANT	2023	\$44,927

**File Number:** 1249-22

**Director/Commissioner:** Amy Baker/Kacy Allen-Bryant

