

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

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

**DATE:** September 15, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Analysis

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**Request:** Council authorization to execute an agreement with EHI Consultants, to draft a comprehensive study of housing affordability in Lexington with emphasis on the number of units needed now and in the future. The project will also review LFUCG's current affordable housing documents and plans, engage key community stakeholders through the creation of a project specific website, gather data and analyze, design and issue a community survey and issue a final report including implementation strategies.

**Purpose of Request:** To have a better understanding of housing affordability in Lexington with emphasis on the number of units needed now and in the future. EHI Consultants' bid for an Affordable Housing Needs Assessment was accepted, for \$188,000. EHI and their project team will review LFUCG's current affordable housing documents and plans, engage key community stakeholders through the creation of a project specific website, gather data and analyze, design and issue a community survey and issue a final report including implementation strategies. Following Council approval, the project is expected to take approximately 9 months to complete.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** \$188,000.00

**Are the funds budgeted?** Yes, 1145-160203-0001-71299

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**Director/Commissioner:** Lanter