



LEXINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM
Lexington, Kentucky

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TO:
Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

SUBJECT:
Request for Extension of Grant Funded Term -
Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator

FROM:
Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
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The Bureau of Training & Wellness would like to request a term extension for the grant-funded position of *Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator* which is currently held by Katelin Johnson, LPCC. The Lexington Police Department was originally awarded funding dedicated to this position for a two-year period which commenced in August 2022. Since the creation of this position, the Lexington Police Department has seen substantial and growing use of the behavioral health program.

This extension request comes as a result of the initial position creation and hiring process taking longer than expected and as such, the Lexington Police Department wanted to capitalize on the available funding despite the late start in implementing the program. In order to do so, a request was made and upheld by the grantor (*USDOJ, C.O.P.S.*) which pushed the funding expiration date from August 31st, 2024 to February 28th, 2025.

We are requesting that Human Resources submit this request for Legistar approval for the Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator grant-funded position to be extended until February 28, 2025. In addition, we will be submitting a request to make this position a permanent classified position, to be effective March 1, 2025.

Lawrence B. Weathers
Chief of Police

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cc: Assistant Chief Holland