



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

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

DATE: November 10, 2022

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security – FY23 Grant Application from the
Law Enforcement Protection Program**

Request: Council authorization to submit an application to Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds in the amount of \$387,094 for FY2023 from the Law Enforcement Protection Program to purchase body armor kits for all sworn officers. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications for federal funding from the Law Enforcement Protection Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The states have the responsibility for apportioning funding to local governments.

The Lexington Police Department wishes to apply for grant funds from the Law Enforcement Protection Program to purchase body armor kits for all sworn officers. The body armor kits would consist of front and back ceramic plates, quick-release fasteners and adjustable straps. The vests can be put on in a moment's notice and provide rifle-rated protection for officers. These vests are not meant to replace officers' soft body armor that is worn on a daily basis but rather utilized in high-threat situations.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$387,094 in federal funds is requested for Fiscal Year 2023. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Funds will be budgeted if approved for funding.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

