



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: JUNE 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Funds for Head Start Program at the Family Care Center

Request: Council authorization to accept additional award of federal funds from Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000 for provision of early childhood care and education services under the Head Start Program at the Family Care Center for FY 2021. No matching required.

Purpose of Request:

Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc., (Community Action Council) has offered the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Family Services federal funds in the amount of \$15,000 for support of early childhood care services beginning June 30, 2021. Services to be provided include early childhood education, health services, social services, and parent involvement as outlined in the Head Start Program Performance Standards.

The Head Start Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families with the objective of promoting school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children. The program is authorized by the Head Start Act, as amended by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134, 42 U.S.C 9801.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Estimated \$15,000 in federal funding for Fiscal Year 2021. No matching funds required. Funds will be used to offset existing personnel and operating costs in the Family Care Center's Early Childhood Education Program. Future years' funding is dependent upon availability of federal funds for this program.

Are the funds budgeted? FY2022 budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Joanna Rodes/Chris Ford

