

Lexington-Fayette County Homeless I.D. Project
Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk Vincent Riggs

The mission of the Homeless I.D. Project is to allow homeless Lexingtonians to obtain a Kentucky state I.D. at no cost, a basic first step in accessing services and programs like medical cards, social security disability programs, and housing that lead to greater self-determination and self-sufficiency.

According to a survey by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, in a given month in 2004, 54 percent of homeless people without photo ID were denied access to housing services, 53 percent were denied food stamps, and 45 percent were denied access to Medicaid or other medical services.

The Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk (FCCCC) and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) have partnered to remove barriers to housing and other services with FCC providing all services and OHPI granting funds for all eligible expenses. Under this agreement:

Homeless individuals seeking an ID will still need to provide:

- Certified Birth Certificate (cannot be a copy or laminated)
- Social Security Card (cannot be a copy of laminated)
- Statement of homelessness from a local homeless provider with address of current emergency shelter. Statement may also include a verification of veteran status for a veteran designated ID.

If homeless individuals have obtained a state ID in the past five (5) years, the Department of Motor Vehicles may already have a birth certificate and social security card of file.

LFUCG Shall:

- Eligible expenses for this project, only include a \$4.00 cost per ID. No administration cost or indirect cost will be reimbursable.
- Reimburse the FCCC for eligible expenses monthly based on a monthly invoice by the FCCC.
- Annual cost for reimbursement may not exceed \$6,000.

FCCCC Shall:

- Provide a Homeless ID to those individuals complaint with documentation terms listed above.
- Document for invoicing purposes, the name of the individual given the ID.
- IDs will be compliant with Kentucky state law.
- Invoice the OHPI at least once per month.