



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: August 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Awards to the Lexington Fire Department

Request: Council authorization to apply for and accept the following grant, if awarded, from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) FY 25 and FY 26 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). If awarded, the Fire Department would use the funds to purchase an Emergency Communications Vehicle in the amount of \$325,421.

Purpose of Request: These projects aim to enhance response capabilities within the Lexington Fire Department Special Operations program providing greater flexibility with economical and sustainable platforms for response involving hazardous materials response, incidents involving technical rescue, and other incidents requiring additional communication capabilities.

This award will purchase a vehicle equipped with a variety of radio and other communications equipment to be used during incidents that require increased communications capabilities or when the existing communications infrastructure has been damaged. Equipment such as this has been proven useful during incidents such as hurricanes, tornados, and flooding and those with a terror nexus.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? If the grant request is approved, federal funds totaling \$325,421. will be awarded; there is no grant match.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if funding is awarded.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

