



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

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

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2022

**SUBJECT: Accept Grant Funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security FY2021
State Homeland Security Grant Program for the Division of Police**

Request: Council authorization to accept a grant of federal funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$324,600 for the Division of Police under the FY2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: On April 8, 2021 (Resolution 175-2021), Council authorized an application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds from the Fiscal Year 2021 Homeland Security Grant 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 Division of Police has been awarded \$212,900 for the Hazardous Devices Unit to purchase upgrades for the rebuild of their current robot. The upgrade includes replacement switchbox, controller, laser sight mount kit, sighting kit mount, thermal camera, extended warranty, and remote firing devices. In addition, the Air Support Unit has been awarded \$111,700 to purchase helicopter searchlight equipment and related items (mount with dovetail, adapter, installation supplies and labor). The equipment will address the technology gap to respond to search/rescue, active shooters, domestic terrorism and protection of large crowds.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? A total of \$324,600 in federal funds awarded for Fiscal Year 2022. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendments 11462 and 11463 are in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

