



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY FIVE
PROPERTIES PURCHASED WITH NEIGHBORHOOD
STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS TO SEEDLEAF, INC., FOR USE
AS COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE

On June 25, 2009 (Ordinance No. 123-2009), Council approved the acceptance of federal funds from the Kentucky Department for Local Government under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for operation of a Land banking project. This included the acquisition, disposal, and maintenance of distressed homes and demolition of blighted structures. The source of funds is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds for this program were appropriated by Congress in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

In October 2011, the Division of Grants and Special Programs issued a request for applications from entities interested in new construction and rehabilitation of existing single family residential units in low-income census tracts for rental and homeownership for low- and moderate-income households. Five of the residential properties purchased under this program have been deemed to be undevelopable. The granting agency, Kentucky Department for Local Government has approved the conveyance of these properties to a nonprofit entity, Seedleaf, Inc., for use as community garden space for a minimum of ten years. These properties are: 311 Nelson Avenue; 544 Ohio Street; 829 Whitney Avenue; 330 Georgetown Place; and 449 Race Street.

Council authorization to convey properties to Seedleaf, Inc., for use as community garden space is hereby requested.



Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Richard Moloney, Chief Administrative Officer

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