



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit application to the U.S. Department Of Homeland Security under the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, requesting federal funds in the amount of \$391,424 for exhaust extraction system upgrades or replacement for all Lexington fire stations

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services has prepared an application for submission to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, requesting federal funds for the upgrade or replacement of new exhaust extraction systems in all 23 fire stations. The cost of the project is quoted at \$434,916. The federal share is \$391,424. The required 10% local match is \$43,491 and is in the FY2015 budget.

Exhaust Extraction Systems (EES) remove highly toxic carcinogenic pollutants from the bays of the fire stations by capturing diesel exhaust at the source. By doing so, it eliminates exhaust pollutants not just from the bays, but also from permeating into the living, eating spaces and sleeping quarters of the fire station. The health risks posed by diesel exhaust are well substantiated. Reducing the exposure of firefighters to diesel exhaust is one of the national fire service's highest priorities.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a program of the National Preparedness Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety