

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:

JANUARY 21, 2015

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, AND TO ACCEPT

AWARD IF OFFERED, TO THE BLUEGRASS AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR OPERATION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IN FY

2016

A grant application has been prepared by the Department of Social Services for submission to the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) requesting federal funds from Title III of the Older Americans Act for operation of the Lexington Senior Citizens Center in FY 2016. The Lexington Senior Citizens Center is a multi-purpose community focal point for services to persons 60 and older in Fayette County. Basic center operations include advocacy, counseling, education, health promotion, access to legal assistance, outreach, recreation, and telephone reassurance. Grant-funded staff includes a Center Director, a Social Worker, a Social Worker Senior, two Staff Assistant Seniors, and two part-time van drivers. The center also houses the Nursing Home Ombudsman of the Bluegrass and the Community Action Partnership Elder Nutrition program, both of whom have their own operating budgets. It is estimated that \$109,148 in federal funds will be available in FY 2016. The minimum local match required for the operation of the project is 15%; however, the amount that is being requested in the FY 2016 general fund budget for grant match is \$181,158. The total cost of operations for this project is \$290,306. Grant funds will only be used for personnel costs of seven employees of the center.

Council authorization to submit the application and accept the award, if offered, is hereby requested, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2016.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Beth Mills, Commissioner of Social Services