

MAYOR JIM GRAY



CHRIS FORD
COMMISSIONER
SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. Community Partnership and History of Collaboration

The MOU signatory organizations, **the Domestic Violence Prevention Board (DVPB)**, a program of the **Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Department of Social Services**, and **The Nest Center for Women and Children**, have a long-standing collaborative relationship and a shared vision about the importance of an interagency approach to safety and protection of victims of domestic and dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. The Nest is a member of the DVPB and regularly attends quarterly meetings, serves on multi-disciplinary groups focused on intimate partner violence, actively participates in planning and attending trainings and events, and has collaborated on many past grants submitted by LFUCG.

II. Description of Partner Agencies

Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG): LFUCG is dedicated to providing a high quality of life to its residents and that includes ensuring that all residents remain safe, both in and outside of their homes. The city's commitment to serving residents is demonstrated by its support of the social service sector and in the establishment and operation of programs that provide services to victims of **domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (IPV)** and their children.



Domestic Violence Prevention Board (DVPB): The DVPB, housed in the LFUCG Department of Social Services, was created in 1986 by local ordinance in response to a United Way of the Bluegrass study group, chaired by a former director of the local domestic violence shelter, which recommended the establishment of a local council to coordinate a broad-based community effort aimed at preventing IPV. Since its inception the DVPB has provided a community forum for interagency communication, coordination and accountability, program development, professional education, and public awareness. The DVPB continually assesses the quality, availability, and accessibility of DV services and protections in the community and develops strategies, interventions, and programs to address problems and deficits.

The Nest—Center for Women, Children and Families: The Nest is a local, nonprofit organization that provides a safe place for education, counseling and support to women, children, and families in crisis. The Nest formed in 1977 and provides high quality, evidenced based, and comprehensive services. The Nest strives to "Give Children a Chance, Victims a Voice, and Families a Future." Resources at The Nest have long included free: 1. Domestic Violence Services, 2. Child Care, 3. Parent Education and Support, and 4. Crisis Care for basic human needs. Our four programs work with one another to provide holistic services that help families address the multiple causes for family instability and turmoil. Participants in programs at The Nest can use any of our services that will help them move one step further down the road to long-term stability. We understand that treating one part of a problem isn't the only thing an individual or a family needs to heal. We also collaborate with several community partners and refer our participants to them when they need their services. We believe the entire community must be aware and involved if we are to strengthen Lexington families. Therefore, we also work



on public awareness, utilize volunteers, and continually evaluate the partnerships that help us provide quality services.

III. Commitment of Project Partners

LFUCG Department of Social Services will serve as the applicant for this grant and will be responsible for its programmatic and financial management and reporting. LFUCG's Division of Grants and Special Programs has responsibility for the planning, administration, coordination, and regulatory oversight for all state, federal, and foundation grants applied for and awarded to LFUCG. This centralized approach to grants management assures compliance with performance, timeframe, and programmatic goals and audit regulations.

The **Domestic Violence Program Coordinator**, working with the **Domestic Violence Prevention Board** will:

- Continue to serve as the overarching agency that establishes the relationship among the IPV organizations including service providers, law enforcement, and the justice system
- Monitor the programmatic elements of the project to determine the program is operating in compliance with federal regulations, with the approved application, and with its own standards and protocols
- Assist with project implementation through the scheduling and facilitation of meetings
- Oversee and advise on the progress of the two hired Resource Liaisons, their community connections, outreach efforts, referrals made, and presentation quality
- Oversee the implementation of the housing stability program for rent/mortgage assistance



The Nest will:

- Collaborate with DVPB to conduct outreach to agencies serving vulnerable populations (e.g. LEP, immigrant/refugee, people with disabilities, LGBTQI, etc.)
- Provide referrals for the housing stability assistance program
- Continue to participate in the quarterly meetings, subcommittee meetings, and events organized by DVPB.

IV. Resources Contributed by Partners

LFUCG Division of Grants and Special Programs will provide in-kind staff time for fiscal oversight of the grant and preparation and submission of all financial reporting forms.

LFUCG's Department of Social Services, which includes the Domestic Violence Prevention Board, will contribute in-kind staff time to oversee the work of the RLs. The DVPB Program Coordinator will devote time for oversight of all programmatic aspects of the grant and facilitate related meetings and committees.



APPROVAL

We, the undersigned, have read and agree with this Memorandum of Understanding. Further, we have reviewed the portion of the proposed budget pertaining to the collaborative effort described here, and approve it.

By: Jim Gray JUL 26 2018
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