




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Gregory S. Lubeck, P.E., Deputy Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: April 18, 2025

SUBJECT: USGS Gage Network Agreement FY 2026

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an agreement between the Lexington- Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the continued operation and maintenance of existing stream flow and rain gauges.

Purpose of Request

The existing stream flow and rain gauges were installed in 1997 by the USGS, and this agreement will assure necessary maintenance for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The USGS will provide complete maintenance and collect all data. Any station that fails to operate or is damaged will be repaired by USGS at no cost to LFUCG. Each station will be checked and calibrated monthly by USGS. All data is retrieved via satellite and is made available to us. The data collected by the gauge network is used by LFUCG and others for MS4, Stormwater, and other activities.

This is a one-year agreement. This agreement may be terminated at any time by either party with sixty (60) days written notice.

Project Cost in FY26

Project Costs will be \$125,000.00 and are requested in the FY 2026 budget.
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Director/Commissioner

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