TO: Mayor Jim Gray

        Urban County Council

FROM: Polly Ruddick, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: March 22, 2018

SUBJECT: Agreement with Bluegrass.Org for Mental Health Street Outreach (ACT)

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Request

        Authorization to:

Execute an agreement with Bluegrass.Org to grant funds necessary to move the Assertive Community Treatment team to the downtown area to better facilitate street level mental health care for those who are homeless or street involved.

        Department needs this action completed because:

Like many other cities, Lexington's severe mentally ill homeless population is most prominent in the downtown area as well as homeless encampments close to the downtown area. Police, service providers, business owners, citizens, and visitors to Lexington interact with this population on a daily basis. Unfortunately, these individuals often cannot or will not respond to traditional outpatient treatment. The goal of this partnership and the reasoning for the rental space downtown is to provide as much service to the most vulnerable population in a community based setting.

This team would be able to engage individuals using an "on the streets" "meet them where they are" method and then provide multi-disciplinary services to this vulnerable population. Among the services the ACT team provides are: case management, initial and ongoing assessments, psychiatric services, employment and housing assistance, family support and education, substance abuse services, and other services and supports that are critical to an individual's ability to live successfully in the community.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY18 is: $10,200.00

The cost for future FY is: 0

Are the funds budgeted?

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process: Yes, from the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to End Homelessness Fund

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Director/Commissioner: Ruddick/Hamilton