



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

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

**DATE: September 14, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Early Childhood Literacy Grant**

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**Request:**

Request Council authorization to accept award of \$1,541 from Blue Grass Community Foundation for operation of an Early Childhood Literacy Program by Division of Parks and Recreation at McConnell Springs

**Why are you requesting**

Division of Parks and Recreation has been awarded funds from the Blue Grass Community Foundation for expansion of a childhood literacy program for pre-school-aged children at McConnell Springs. McConnell Springs story walks begin in the Education Center, where a story is read and discussed followed by a walk through the nature park. Illustrations and text from the story are posted along the way to reinforce the concepts that were introduced in the center. Funds will be used to purchase books and other materials for program expansion.

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

\$1,541 has been awarded for this budget year. No costs have been identified for future budget years.

**Are the funds budgeted?** BA 7828 is in process

**File Number:** 1057-16

**Director/Commissioner:** Conrad/Reed

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Irene Gooding, Director

