



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: May 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Grant application for the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program

Request: Council authorization to submit an application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds in the amount of \$123,000 for the Division of Police under the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request:

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The states have the responsibility for apportioning funding to local governments.

The Division of Police is preparing an application for funding to purchase two digital x-ray system upgrades. The Hazardous Devices Unit uses digital x-ray when responding to known or suspected explosive devices. The x-ray allows identification of the interior of suspect items to determine if a hazard exists and, if so, to identify the function of the device to aid in selection of the appropriate render-safe procedure. The requested systems are more efficient than those currently in use, which will reduce processing times, thus increasing safety and shortening the duration of public disruptions associated with responses. The current systems are operational, but are no longer manufactured and will not be supported in the future.

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

A total of \$123,000 in federal funds is requested for Fiscal Year 2020. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Funds will be budgeted if approved for funding.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

