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To: Linda Gorton, Mayor

**Urban County Council** 

From: Keith Horn, Commissioner

Department of Planning and Preservation

Date: April 8, 2024

RE: MOA for 530 N. MLK Affordable Housing Project

**Request:** Council authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Qureshi Development Group regarding the proposed renovation of a vacant church located at 530 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard for affordable housing.

Purpose of Request: The Qureshi Development Group has been approved to receive HOME funds, HOME ARP funds, and Affordable Housing funds, to be paid in part with a portion of State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds allocated to LFUCG through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for development of affordable housing on the property located at 530 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard. Since the subject property and the adjacent neighborhood are historic properties eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the funds involved include federal funds, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations require a historic preservation review for the property. The State Historic Preservation Officer and the LFUCG Historic Preservation Officer determined that the proposed project would have an adverse impact on the property. The finding required the initiation of a mitigation review process (which included a public comment period). The parties involved, in accordance with the federal regulations, have come to an agreement about measures that should be implemented to mitigate the adverse impacts on the property. The agreement of the parties is set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? There is no budgetary impact for the LFUCG.

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

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**Director/Commissioner:** Bettie Kerr/Keith Horn

