



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE: MARCH 31, 2014**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ACCEPT AWARDS OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FY 2015, AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH SUBRECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED PLAN**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application submission for jurisdictions receiving funds through HUD's Planning and Community Development programs. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to serve as the planning document for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's participation in these programs. The overall goal of the programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The 2014 Consolidated Plan includes a one-year action plan providing for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships funds, and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds for Fiscal Year 2015 (the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) to address identified problems.

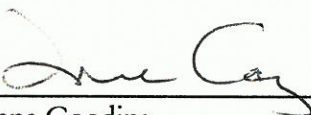
Federal regulations require that an active citizens' participation process be used to identify needs and to recommend the allocation of these federal resources. Two required public hearings have been conducted for the purpose of soliciting citizen comment on the housing and non-housing needs of the low-income population and on the budgeting of these federal funds to address identified needs. Applications for ESG, HOME, and CDBG funds were accepted through a uniform application process. Application solicitation was available through the LFUCG web page for the convenience of agencies having an interest in Consolidated Plan funding. The applications received were reviewed by the staff of the Division of Grants and Special Programs. In addition, a group of Master's level students in the Department of Social Services reviewed the applications requesting services funding under the CDBG program. These recommendations for funding were also reviewed by the Chief Administrative Office. The proposed plan was made available for public comment as provided by the approved Citizens Participation Plan on March 3, 2014. The 30-day comment period expires on April 1, 2014. No substantial written comments on the draft plan have been received.

The Action Plan describes how funds available through the three program areas will be allocated and spent.

PROGRAM	FEDERAL AWARD	ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME	CASH MATCH 2015 GENERAL FUND	IN-KIND MATCH FROM PARTNER AGENCIES	TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE
CDBG	\$2,044,247	\$150,000	0		\$2,194,247
ESG	\$171,368	0	\$45,939	\$125,429	\$342,736.00
HOME	\$1,027,599	\$140,000	\$221,210		\$1,388,809.00
HOME Previous Years	\$511,280				\$511,280
TOTAL	\$3,754,494.00	\$290,000	\$267,149.00	\$125,429	\$4,437,072.00

These funds will be expended on public improvements, public facilities, housing rehabilitation, public services, a first-time Homebuyer program, development of homeownership units for low-income households, development of rental units for low-income populations, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities, operational support for emergency shelters, and planning and administration activities. A list of projects as recommended for the Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant program, is attached. HOME previous allocation of \$511,280 represents dollars that were incorrectly reallocated from failed projects to other projects.

Council authorization to submit the 2014 Consolidated Plan, with funding allocations as recommended herein, to accept the herein described federal funds, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2015, and to execute written agreements in accordance with the approved plan is hereby requested.

  
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Irene Gooding  
Director

Attachment: 2014 Consolidated Plan Project Recommendations

Xc: Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer