



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

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MAY 19, 2026

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2027 Funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the Lexington Fire Department**

Request: Council approval to execute an agreement and accept funding from the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) administered by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in the amount of \$150,000 to support the LFUCG Division of Fire and EMS Quick Response Team (QRT) program No matching funds required.

Purpose of Request: The purpose of the grant is a continuation of the Quick Response Team capabilities through existing staffing within the Community Paramedicine Program. Grant funding will allow for the continuation of having a firefighter work in the Community Paramedicine and paying the backfilled overtime costs generated by the move.

The Department needs this action completed because the agreement provides funding and operational support for the LFUCG Division of Fire and EMS Quick Response Team (QRT) program, which delivers rapid overdose response, recovery outreach, and linkage to treatment and community resources for individuals at risk of opioid and stimulant overdose. Approval of this agreement will allow the program to continue providing critical public health and safety services to the community.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$150,000 in federal funds has been awarded for FY2027. Funding for future budget years is dependent upon availability of federal funding.

Are the funds budgeted? FY2027 budget amendment will be completed.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

