



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
HOUSING, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: APRIL 18, 2022

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security 2023 State Homeland Security Grant
Application for the Division of Police**

Request:

Council authorization to submit an application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds in the amount of \$861,312 for the Division of Police under the 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 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 Hazardous Devices Unit is preparing an application for funding to purchase portable instrument for identification of explosives and explosive precursor chemicals needed, portable system for x-ray identification of suspected explosives devices and Polaris Ranger UTV/4 seat all-terrain vehicle for transporting explosive response team, equipment and canine during HDU events a cost of \$419,826. In addition, the Air Support Unit is preparing an application for funding to purchase a thermal camera system for search and rescue (SAR) missions. First responders support surveillance during active shooter situations, disasters, terrorist events, etc. that require low altitude, low weight installation flexibility at a cost of \$441,486. The equipment will address the technology gap to respond to search/rescue, active shooters, domestic terrorism and protection of large crowds.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? A total of \$861,312 in federal funds is requested for Fiscal Year 2023. 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

