



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
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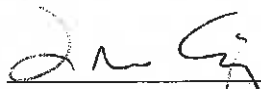
SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit application to the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board and accept award, if offered, for operation of a Workforce Investment Act Project for Youth Services

The Division of Youth Services has prepared an application for submission to the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board requesting federal funds in the amount of \$140,000 for operation of a youth services project. This project is targeted toward youth who are ages 16 through 24, low-income, and who are within one or more of the following categories: deficient in basic literacy skills, school dropout, homeless, runaway, or foster child, pregnant or parenting, offender, or an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an education program, or to secure and hold employment. The object of the project is to prepare youth for the workforce by empowering them with the social, work readiness, and occupational skills that enable them to obtain and retain self-sufficient employment. If approved, award of funds is based upon the successful enrollment of at least 40 youth into the program, and for completion of the following performance outcomes: attainment of a GED, diploma, or certificate, literacy and numeracy gains, and placement in employment or education. The period of performance is August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Federal funds will be used for the continued employment of full-time Social Worker for 11 months (existing position), youth stipends for GED attainment and for literacy and numeracy skills improvement, individual service needs (transportation, child care, test fees, and work uniform costs), operating supplies, educational materials, and for a limited Summer Youth Employment Program. Local funds in the amount of \$9,630 will be documented by time worked on the project by existing Youth Service employees.

These federal funds originate from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Council authorization to submit the application, and accept award if offered, is hereby requested.



Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Chris Ford, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services