



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

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

DATE: JULY 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Funds for Early Head Start Program at the Family Care Center

Request: Council authorization to accept an award of federal funds from Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc., in the amount of \$49,443.84 for provision of early childhood care and education services under the Early Head Start Program at the Family Care Center for FY 2026. Local match required of \$12,360.96.

Purpose of Request: Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc., has offered the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Family Services federal funds in the amount of \$49,443.84 for support of early childhood care services beginning August 1, 2025. Services to be provided include early childhood education, health services, social services, and parent involvement as outlined in the Early Head Start Program Performance Standards.

The Early Head Start Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families with the objective of promoting school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children. The program is authorized by the Head Start Act, as amended by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134, 42 U.S.C 9801.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$49,443.84 awarded for Fiscal Year 2026. Local match required \$12,360.96. Funds will be used to offset existing personnel and operating costs in the Family Care Center's Early Childhood Education Program. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon availability of grant funds.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Horton-Holt/Allen-Bryant

