

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

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN UNDER THE GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT

OF PROTECTION ORDERS PROGRAM

On March 21, 2013 (Resolution No. 140-2013), Council approved the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women requesting \$300,000 in federal funds from the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program to continue program begun by Police seven years ago. LFUCG has been offered award in the amount of \$300,000. No matching funds are required.

Federal funds will be used to continue the employment of one victim assistant, required OVW training, police overtime for purposes of apprehending violators, victim services through community partners, and support of innovative practices to address domestic violence. The purpose of the project is to hold offenders of domestic violence accountable for their actions through investigation, arrest, and prosecution.

Arrest Policies grants were previously approved for LFUCG by the Office on Violence Against Women on July 1, 2006, on July 1, 2009, and on October 1, 2011, for a total award of \$1.2 million. New award brings the total to \$1.5 million.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety