



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: July 31, 2026

SUBJECT: Application and Acceptance of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Awards to the Lexington Fire Department for Radiation Detection Device and Dive/Rescue Boat

Request: Council authorization to apply and accept the following grant, if awarded, from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) FY 25 and FY 26 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). The grant will be used for the Fire Department to purchase Radiation Detection Equipment and a new boat to support search and rescue, and dive operations in the amount of \$ 226,976.48

Purpose of Request: This project aims to enhance response capabilities within the Lexington Fire Department Special Operations program to provide greater flexibility with response involving hazardous materials, technical rescue, and incidents requiring watercraft.

This award supports protective actions and response actions in places with large crowds such as parades and festivals, as well as sporting and political events. The radiation and nuclear detection equipment can be used to survey facilities hosting events prior to and during the event. The boat purchased will support search and rescue and dive operations for the Lexington Fire Department and can be utilized for events on the Kentucky River and in support of the Kentucky State Police and the Lexington Police Department.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? If the grant request is approved, federal funds totaling \$226,976.48 will be awarded; there is no grant match.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if funding is awarded.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

