



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

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

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: AUGUST 2, 2012

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD OF
FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,621,304 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE STAFFING
FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER)
GRANTS PROGRAM**

On March 8, 2012 (Resolution # 105-2012), Council approved the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program requesting federal funds for the hiring of twenty-eight entry level firefighters. The Department of Homeland Security has offered the LFUCG an award in the amount of \$2,621,304. These funds will support the salaries and benefits of 28 firefighters for a period of two years. The authority for SAFER is derived from the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. §2229a et seq.). The goal of SAFER Grants is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, assuring communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

There is no local cash match requirement under this grant program; however, the LFUCG will be responsible for costs that include training, uniforms, and equipment. Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and may not be used to replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. There is no requirement that firefighters funded under this program be retained beyond the two-year funding period.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.



Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

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