



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MAY 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Accept award of federal funds under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program awarded through the CARES Act

Request: Council Authorization to accept \$159,460 of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids) Grant Program awarded under the CARES Act and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with AVOL Kentucky for providing the program services. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has been receiving federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development since 1994 under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the operation of housing programs for persons with AIDS. AVOL Kentucky serves as the sponsoring organization for the project.

The LFUCG has been awarded an additional \$159,460 of federal HOPWA funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These funds may be used to reimburse allowable costs incurred prior to receipt of the award and ongoing expenses used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. AVOL Kentucky plans to use the funds to provide short term rental assistance, supportive services and some other eligible programming.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? This is a one-time federal award of \$159,460 with no required match from LFUCG. There is no cost in future years.

Are the funds budgeted: BA 10665 is in process

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter/Hamilton

