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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

May 31, 2016

SUBJECT:

Grant application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Program for FY 2017

Request:

Request Council authorization to submit, and accept award if offered, a grant application in the amount of \$157,318 to the US Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – FY 2017

Purpose of Request:

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has been informed that it is eligible to apply for federal funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG program is a blend of the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Programs, providing local agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. LFUCG is eligible to receive a formula amount of \$157,318. No matching funds are required.

JAG funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more the following purpose areas: Law enforcement program, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections programs, drug treatment programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.

The Lexington Police Department is proposing to use these funds as follows:

- \$59,000 for Fiber Optics for the West Sector
- \$16,610 for a handheld 3D scanner for crime scene documentation
- \$2,500 for Cellbrite Physical Analyzer for recovery of digital evidence from a multitude of media devices
- \$2,000 for Pelican Portable Lighting for illumination of crime scenes
- \$31,036 for meth lab breathing apparatus for investigation of illegal drug labs
- \$6,600 for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) training for police officers
- \$31,072 for phone system for the Lexington Police Crisis Negotiation Unit and Emergency Response Unit

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- \$5,200 for four new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Hazardous Devices Unit
- \$3,300 for radio headsets for the Hazardous Devices Unit

Details are on attached pages.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

Available funding in Fiscal Year 2017 is \$157,318. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted?

Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2017 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Barnard/Bastin

Irene Gooding, Director