




Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Jim Gray  
Mayor

Chris Ford  
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Jim Gray  
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM:   
Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE: November 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Purchase of Service Agreements with Opportunity Grant Initiative Organizations

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**Request:**

Request approval for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to enter into Purchase of Service Agreements with four Opportunity Grant Initiative (OGI) Organizations.

**Purpose:**

Opportunity Grants are a new initiative designed to better position local government in impacting youth learning and community enrichment challenges throughout Lexington. The grants will focus on partnering with Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) in addressing the academic Achievement Gap affecting minority and disadvantaged students. Mayor Gray and administration officials propose the initial Opportunity Grant allocation in efforts to join a growing community call for local leadership, in efforts to close the achievement gap.

**Budgetary Implication:**

Funds totaling \$280,000 to support the OGI have been reallocated from the FY2015 Fund Balance Budget. These organizations, as well as the level of funding budgeted for each, are as follows:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Level</u>	<u>DeptID</u>
Carnegie Literacy Center, Inc.	\$90,000	900608
God's Pantry Food Bank	\$90,000	900323
Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County	\$90,000	900206
16 <sup>th</sup> District PTA (Fayette County)	\$10,000	900360

**Are the funds budgeted?**

Budget Amendment is in progress.

**File Number:** 1447-15

**Director/Commissioner:** Chris Ford