

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

June 4, 2015

SUBJECT

Request Council authorization to accept award of \$200,000 in FY 2016 grant

funds from the Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Cleanup

Grant for Fayette County Courthouse Property

On December 4, 2014, Council approved the submission of this application in Resolution #687-2014. The Environmental Protection Agency has now offered the LFUCG a grant in the amount of \$200,000 for a Brownfield Program Cleanup Grant to help remediate environmental concerns identified at the old Fayette County Courthouse, 215 West Main Street. Addressing environmental concerns, including lead based paint, asbestos containing materials, mold, and guano, will help facilitate reuse of this property.

A Brownfield site is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, and petroleum or petroleum products. These funds are authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act as amended by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownsfield Revitalization Act.

A local match amount in the amount of \$40,000 is required. Match is available in account 1105-900609-0001-71206.

Council authorization to accept award is hereby requested, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2016.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: David Holmes, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works