

TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
HOUSING ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: November 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorization to execute amendments to sub-recipient agreements with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass and Kentucky Equal Justice Center to extend the period of performance until June 30, 2025

Request: Council authorization to execute amendments to sub-recipient agreements with Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, Inc. (dba Legal Aid of the Bluegrass) and Office of Kentucky Legal Services Programs, Inc. (dba Kentucky Equal Justice Center) to extend the period of performance through June 30, 2025.

Purpose of Request: LFUCG received federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds totaling more than \$63 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to provide rent, utility, and housing stability assistance to eligible residents of Fayette County. Funds for rent and utilities were exhausted at the end of 2023, but some funds remained for provision of housing stability services.

Following receipt of additional ERA funding in December 2022, LFUCG awarded funds (via RFP #12-2023) to Legal Aid and Kentucky Equal Justice to provide housing stability services intended to keep Lexington residents stably housed. Following evaluation of the responses received and negotiations with the successful bidders, the sub-awards were approved by Council in April 2023 with end dates of December 31, 2024.

Upon Council approval, these agreements will be amended to extend the date of performance through June 30, 2025, to allow the sub-recipients additional time to ensure all funds are spent.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? None

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter