

## 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:

**JANUARY 21, 2014** 

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD

OF FUNDS FROM THE BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORT OF A LOCAL FOOD COORDINATOR PROJECT IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE—FY 2014

Bluegrass Community Foundation in conjunction with a Local Food Coordinator Advisory Committee has accumulated funding from several sources to support the creation of a Local Food Coordinator position in the Office of the Mayor. The Local Food Coordinator's responsibilities will include serving as an advocate for policies, provide education, convene potential collaborators, and support projects that lead to increased markets for local farm products. The position will also support consumer education, with an emphasis on underserved populations by encouraging nutrition education and increasing the availability and purchase of wholesome foods to underserved populations.

Funds to support this project come from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (\$35,000), Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky (\$35,000), Mount Brilliant Family Foundation (\$10,000), and matching funds from Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (\$25,000). Funds will be used to support a full-time position in the Office of the Mayor under the direction of the Chief Development Officer. Total available funding for project is \$105,000.

Council authorization to accept award of funds in the amount of \$80,000 from Bluegrass Community Foundation is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

XC: Jamie Emmons, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

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