



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MAY 30, 2025

**SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Application under the 2024
Assistance to Firefighters Grant- Fire Prevention and Safety for Division of
Fire and Emergency Services**

Request: Council authorization to submit an application and accept if offered to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program - Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) requesting federal funding in the amount of \$100,000 to fund research aimed at reducing firefighter line of duty fatalities and injuries and improving overall firefighter safety, health, and well-being. Match of \$5,000 is required.

Purpose of Request: There is a critical need for expanded research within the fire service, particularly focused on reducing firefighter injuries and line-of-duty deaths. Currently, the body of research addressing these issues remains limited, especially in practical application and implementation strategies. This project aims to contribute meaningful findings to the national conversation on firefighter health and safety. By examining contributing factors and potential interventions, our research will not only enhance our department's practices but also serve as a resource for the broader fire service. The anticipated outcomes will be disseminated widely to support evidence-based strategies that can lead to a measurable reduction in firefighter fatalities and injuries across the profession. Fire prevention is the utmost priority for the Lexington Fire Department, and this grant would allow us to accomplish that mission more effectively.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$100,000 is federal funds request. LFUCG is required to provide a 5% match of match of \$5,000 is budgeted for a total cost of \$105,000. Future budget years dependent on availability of grant funds.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if approved. Match budgeted in 1101-505702-5717-78201.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

