

## Mayor Jim Gray

## LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Division of Grants and Special Programs

TO:

IIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

MAY 14, 2012

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE KENTUCKY CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND ACCEPT AWARD IF OFFERED, FOR CONTINUATION OF THE NEW CHANCE PROGRAM FOR

FY 2013

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has prepared a request for federal funds from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the continuation of the New Chance program in Fiscal Year 2013, in the Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services.

The New Chance Program, first implemented at the Family Care Center in 1990, provides social services to 16-21 year old single parents in Fayette County. These services include components of developmental child care, health care referrals with family planning, life skills, education, career choice and job training and development. The Family Care Center provides case management services to participants, based upon the individual's level of progress in becoming work ready. Case management includes intensive employment services such as job development, employer follow-up, linkage to additional training, either on-job or on-site, client support and linkage to child care and transportation. The Family Care Center, under its agreement with the state, offers full-time computer keyboarding and office skills instruction to K-TAP recipients when career assessment identifies this need. The funds support the personnel costs of a Social Worker Supervisor, four MSW social workers, and a Teacher/Counselor. The funds also provide for supplies, local travel, and professional development. Total cost of this program for 2013 is \$314,247.

These federal funds originate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Council authorization to submit the application, and accept award if offered, is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Beth Mills, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services