



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER  
HOUSING, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: APRIL 4, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement with Cities United sponsored by the Tides Center**

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**Request:** Council authorization for the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Cities United, a project of the Tide Center, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are budgeted.

**Purpose of Request:** Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government partnership with Cities United to serve in a consultation role to One Lexington team to develop a long-term (3-5 year) strategic plan for reducing violence and gun related homicides. Strategies include building resiliency in young people ages 12-22; and supporting healthy communities by building stronger families, especially in homes where a parent has contact with the criminal justice system or history of domestic violence. Cities United will facilitate planning sessions, assist with the development of an action plan, and provide implementation support to recommendations of the Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice & Equality; share resource through their network of national partnerships; facilitate peer to peer connections through their over 100 cities membership network; and provide continuous improvement & evaluation support.

The Tide Center has been selected to perform services at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. The selection of Cities United to perform these services is an additional service purchased through our long-standing membership with Cities United.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** The cost for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$100,000. All costs are supported by grant funds from the Kenan Trust a partner of Cities United.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Yes, 3300-133006-3121-71299

**File Number:** 0316-22

**Director/Commissioner:** Scott

