



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

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

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2022

**SUBJECT: Accept Funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security 2021 State
Homeland Security Grant Program for Division of Fire**

Request: Council authorization to accept \$59,500 in funding from the 2021 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant, which will fund purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with air cylinders for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services' Special Operations Teams. No matching funds required.

Purpose of Request: The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has awarded the Division of Fire and Emergency Services \$59,500 of federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

The SCBAs will provide necessary respiratory protection for Hazardous Materials response when operating in chemical-protective clothing. These units will be assigned to the Lexington Fire Department's Special Operations Bureau and will be compatible with the department's stock of firefighting SCBA units. The current stock of SCBAs are beyond their service life and in need of replacement.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$59,500 in federal funds has been awarded for Fiscal Year 2022. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment 11482 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

