



TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

FROM: Polly Ruddick, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: May 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Personal Identification Cards for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Request

Authorization to: Execute an agreement with the Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk for a one-time grant of \$6,000 to provide state issued personal identification cards for Fayette County residents experiencing homelessness. This is a basic first step in accessing services and programs like medical cards, social security disability programs, and housing that lead to greater self-determination and self-sufficiency. This project will provide a homeless I.D. to individuals in compliance with all applicable KRS 186.412 and KRS 186.4122. The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention will pre-approve any agency requesting assistance for a client via this grant. A complete list of approved agencies will be secured by the Fayette County Circuit Clerk. All agencies must submit a standard letter on their letterhead to the Fayette County Circuit Clerk as described in Exhibit B.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: The mission of the Homeless I.D. Project is to allow homeless Lexingtonians to obtain a Kentucky state I.D. at no cost to them; a basic first step in accessing services and programs like medical cards, social security disability programs, and housing that lead to greater self-determination and self-sufficiency.

According to a survey by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, in a given month in 2004, 54 percent of homeless people without photo ID were denied access to housing services, 53 percent were denied food stamps, and 45 percent were denied access to Medicaid or other medical services.

The Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk (FCCCC) and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) have



partnered to remove barriers to housing and other services with FCCC providing all services and OHPI granting funds for all eligible expenses.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$6,000

The cost for future FY is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted?

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process: Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Sally Hamilton, CAO

