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RE: RFP #14-2012
Charles Young Community Center Request for Qualifications

Petitioner Profile

Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Department of Social Services, Office of Aging Services and Disability Support (“Department”) would like to offer Senior Programming at the Charles Young Center. This program will be operated as a satellite center of the Lexington Senior Center which is located at 1530 Nicholasville Road.

A part-time staff person will provide educational, recreational, and informational programs three days per week (Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays) from 9-1pm. This part-time employee of Aging Services would be hired, trained and supervised by Sean Wright, the Manager of the Lexington Senior Center. Sean is supervised by Kristy Stambaugh, CTRS, MRC, CRC, Aging Services and Disability Support Administrator. Both have worked for the city government for more than 10 years.

The Lexington Senior Center is home to four other non-profit agencies: the Nursing Home Ombudsman; Faith in Action; Meals on Wheels; and Community Action Partnership. Each of these agencies serves Senior Adults living in our community and are tenants of the Lexington Senior Center. Additionally the Division of Parks and Recreation has staff and space at the Senior Center and we collaborate regularly regarding programs and special events at the Lexington Senior Center. We regularly have AARP sponsored programs such as Tax Aide and Driver Safety Classes, as well as lectures by the Ollie (lifelong learning) Program from UK.

Based on the needs and interests of the seniors who will participate in our program we may partner with other Aging services Agencies, which may include:, Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging for Chronic Disease prevention; Home Health Agencies for Free Blood Pressure Checks; and other collaborators. (See May Newsletter, The Messenger)

Core Values

The Neighborhood identified Senior Center as its 4th Core Value. The programs that the Office of Aging and Disability support will provide will specifically address this Core Value. Moreover, we intend to seek input from the community regarding necessary programming for seniors, ensuring that the resulting programs are reflective of the needs of the community.

Financial Capacity

The Office of Aging Services and Disability Support has a designated budget funded by the General Fund of Lexington Fayette Urban County Government. ***In fact, in the Mayor's 2013 proposed budget we have received funds to provide senior programs at the Charles Young Center.***

The Mayor's proposed budget includes \$52,600 for Charles Young Center Programs for seniors, which includes \$17,600 for Part Time staff and \$35,000 for operating supplies and furnishings for Senior Programs.

The Charles Young Center is an Urban County Government Building. As a program of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government also funded with general fund dollars we would not expect to contribute funding towards building operations and maintenance.

The Office of Aging Services and Disability Support is supplemented by grant funding, and expects to receive over \$83,000 in grant funding in FY 2012-13.

Redevelopment Strategy

The Department is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and is held to high standards with regard to all aspects of program and service delivery. We regularly seek input from consumers and stakeholders regarding the quality of our programs and service (see attached surveys). Surveys are collected in a comment box year-round and a concerted effort is made to collect feedback at least quarterly or at the completing of a class or program. This feedback is used to improve the operation and content of future programming efforts.

We will not plan to utilize the outdoor recreation facilities or playgrounds on a regular basis. We will not take advantage of the greenspace on a frequent basis unless it is used for a specific program (e.g. Croquet).

The services provided at the Charles Young Center will greatly contribute to the social and emotional wellbeing of the residents on the East End, and provide service to a population that is underrepresented at the Lexington Senior Center. Our plan is to join efforts with all of our Senior Satellite sites including the Eldercrafters Program housed at the Black and Williams Center so that we can share resources and offer a variety of high quality programs that benefit all seniors in our community. Persons 65 and older are the fastest growing population. The needs of the senior population are many and will continue to grow.

Program Outcomes

On any given day more than 100 different seniors enjoy programs and services provided at the Lexington Senior Center. Fifteen to twenty seniors enjoy the programs at the Black and Williams Center which is open 4 days per week, for a total of 18 hours of programs. Many of our current participants have expressed that the Senior Programs are the reason they get out of bed each day. Many have developed new friendships or reconnected with old friends.

The Lexington senior center has 417 active members, and the Eldercrafters Program has 52 active members. Combined, these programs are serving nearly 500 seniors in Lexington, and membership continues to grow on a monthly basis.

The Office of Aging service and Disability Support is eager to offer programs for seniors living in the East End. Below are some pictures from our very active senior programs.



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