

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

March 18, 2015

SUBJECT:

Request Council Authorization to submit application to the U.S. Department of Justice requesting federal funds under the 2015 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

An application has been prepared by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government requesting federal funding under the 2015 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). The program is offered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a part of the Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This program is governed by the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. §1231 (i) as amended, and Title II, Subtitle C. Section 20301, Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322.

SCAAP provides funds to States and localities as reimbursement for costs of incarcerated undocumented criminal aliens. Reimbursable costs are for inmates who are foreign born (with no legal right or documentation to be in the United States), incarcerated for at least four consecutive days during the reporting period (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), and incarcerated on conviction of at least one felony or two (2) misdemeanors. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will take responsibility for ensuring that aliens are properly identified and their status verified before reimbursements are made.

The FY 2015 SCAAP payment amounts are determined using a sampling of actual inmate, cost and facility data for a specified sampling or reporting period. SCAAP is not a traditional reimbursement program in which the actual cost, facility and data are collected. SCAAP uses prior year's data, from a specified sampling period, to determine applicants' annual relative percentages of available funding. For the 2014 SCAAP, the actual revenue to the LFUCG was \$34,405. The Bureau of Justice Assistance cautions applicants about using the prior year award as a basis for estimating this year's award. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will review all information submitted on eligible inmates to make final determination of which inmates are qualified undocumented criminal aliens. Any funds received from the 2015 SCAAP must be used for a corrections purpose.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Cc: Ronnie Bastin, Commissioner of Public Safety