



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON - FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: APRIL 26, 2013

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, AND TO ACCEPT
AWARD IF OFFERED, TO THE BLUEGRASS AREA DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT FOR OPERATION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IN FY
2014**

A grant application has been prepared by the Department of Social Services for submission to the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) requesting federal funds from Title III of the Older Americans Act for operation of the Lexington Senior Citizens Center in FY 2014. The Lexington Senior Citizens Center is a multi-purpose community focal point for services to persons 60 and older in Fayette County. Basic center operations include advocacy, counseling, education, health promotion, access to legal assistance, outreach, recreation, and telephone reassurance. LFUCG staff includes a center director, Social Worker, a staff assistant senior, a part-time receptionist, and two part-time van drivers. The center also houses several other agencies that serve older persons. These agencies, each having their own budgets, funding sources and staff, include Meals on Wheels, the Nursing Home Ombudsman of the Bluegrass, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

It is estimated that \$83,101 in federal funds will be available in FY 2014. The minimum local match required for the operation of the project is 15%; however, the amount that is being requested in the FY 2014 general fund budget for grant match is \$166,566. An additional \$7,400 in program income will be provided by agencies and individuals who utilize the Senior Citizens Center. The total cost of operations for this project is \$257,067. Grant funds are used for personnel costs, utilities, travel, and other operating costs of the center.

Council authorization to submit the application and accept the award, if offered, is hereby requested, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2014.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Beth Mills, Commissioner of Social Services

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