



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: MARCH 11, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN FOR CONTINUATION OF A SAFE HAVENS
PROJECT— FY 2014

Since October 2004, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has received federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women for implementation of a project under the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. The purpose of these funds is to provide safe and affordable supervised visitation and monitored exchange services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, stalking, and sexual assault. A Safe Havens consultation committee was formed and facilitated by the Domestic Violence Prevention Board to oversee the project and to develop a coordinated community approach to visitations and exchanges. In addition to the Domestic Violence Prevention Board, organizations participating in the program include LFUCG Department of Social Services, Sunflower Kids, Inc., a private nonprofit organization offering supervised visitation and exchanges; Friend of the Court, Fayette County Circuit Court; Fayette Family Court; Rape Crisis Center of the Bluegrass; Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and law enforcement agencies:

A three-year application for federal continuation funds is now being proposed for submission. If approved, funding in the amount of \$650,000 for a three-year period will be awarded. If approved funds will be used to continue operating the Sunflower Kids visitation center, to expand services to two additional visitation sites in other counties, and to continue partial contractual funding of the Director of the Fayette County Violence Prevention Board for oversight of the project. No matching funds are required.

Council authorization to submit the application and to authorize Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with other service agencies participating in the project is hereby requested.



Irene Gooding, Director

Cc: Beth Mills, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

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