



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: July 30, 2026

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant FFY2025 and FFY2026
Application for Division of Police**

Request: Lexington Police requests council authorization to apply for and accept if awarded grant funds from the KY Office of Homeland Security Grant for \$14,348.00 for four EVO 252 helmets for use on the helicopter. These would allow the phasing out of Gentex flight helmets, which have been in service since the unit's inception in 2007. Funds are for FY 2027. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The states have the responsibility for apportioning funding to local governments. The Division of Police is preparing an application for four EVO 252 helmets for use on the helicopter. These would allow the phasing out of Gentex flight helmets, which have been in service since the unit's inception in 2007.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Lexington Police requests a total of \$14,348.00 in federal funds for Fiscal Year 2027. No matching funds are required. Future years are dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget Amendment will be forthcoming if approved for funding.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

