




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE: October 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Accreditation Agreement with Council on Accreditation
Department of Social Services

Request:

Request approval for the Mayor to execute an Accreditation Agreement with the Council on Accreditation (COA), for reaccreditation of the Department of Social Services.

Why are you requesting?

Reaccreditation through COA is required every four years, and the Department of Social Services has been accredited continuously since the early 1980s. This affiliation ensures that the Department implements best practices, may provide an advantage in applying for grant funding, and allows the Department to benchmark itself with other innovative human services programs across the country.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

COA reaccreditation fees are \$19,629 in FY 2021.
Reaccreditation site visit costs are projected to be \$14,000 in FY 2022.

Are the funds budgeted?

Yes, in account 1101-606101-6001-71299.
Additional funding associated with reaccreditation will be requested in FY 2022 Budget.

File Number: 1025-20

Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford

