



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

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

**DATE: September 22, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Retrofitting the RETRO: Southland Drive Case Study**

**Request:**

Request Council authorization to accept award of \$10,000 from Blue Grass Community Foundation's Knight Foundation Donor Advised Charitable Fund for the Retrofitting the RETRO: Southland Drive Case Study

**Why are you requesting**

The Retrofitting the RETRO: Southland Drive Case Study will be an academic exercise conducted alongside the sidewalks design and construction project. The study will be conducted by the City's Division of Planning in partnership with the University of Kentucky's School of Interiors: Planning, Strategy, & Design, Historic Preservation, and the Landscape Architecture programs. All work will be purely conceptual and provide a way for the Southland neighborhood to explore creative design options to supplement the infrastructure that is underway. Grant funds will be used to construct one prototype for public space in the Southland Drive area in Spring 2017. Lessons learned from this case study will be used to develop a toolkit that other commercial centers around the city can pull from.

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

\$10,000 has been awarded for this budget year. No costs are anticipated in future budget years.

**Are the funds budgeted?** BA 7835 is in process

**File Number:** 1089-16

**Director/Commissioner:** Duncan/Paulsen

Irene Gooding, Director

