

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

MAY 12, 2014

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT, AND ACCEPT AWARD IF OFFERED, A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL

**JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT--FY 2015** 

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has been informed that it is eligible to apply for federal funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG program is a blend of the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Programs, providing local agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. LFUCG is eligible to receive a formula amount of \$213,624. No matching funds are required.

JAG funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more the following purpose areas: Law enforcement program, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections programs, drug treatment programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.

The LFUCG Division of Police is proposing to use these funds as follows:

\$160,000 for body worn cameras/electronic recording devices to include technical infrastructure support through digital server storage and memory—approximately 300 devices

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- \$15,000 for Portable Breath Tester units—approximately 50 units
- \$20,000 for SCBA system for Hazardous device unit. Approximately 4 units plus training
- \$18,624 for purchase of night vision scopes for the Emergency Response Unit-4 units

Council authorization to submit the application and accept the award is hereby requested.

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety