

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING MARKET PARTNERSHIP FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO BENEFIT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky have both declared states of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Linda Gorton declared, in Executive Order 2020-01, that a state of emergency exists in Lexington-Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five thousand (35,000) cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with more than four thousand (4,000) in Lexington-Fayette County alone (as of August 10, 2020 and August 11, 2020, respectively); and

WHEREAS, as of July 29, 2020, 43% of renters nationally were unable to pay rent and risked being evicted, according to a survey by the global advisory firm Stout Risius Ross, LLC.

WHEREAS, as of July 29, 2020, an estimated 211,000 rental households in Kentucky could not afford rent and risked being evicted, according to the same survey.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has determined that entering into a Purchase of Services Agreement with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Housing Authority fulfills a public purpose by providing for housing stability for those affected by COVID-19 and for economic development and recovery from the current public health emergency and other public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is authorized to execute a Purchase of Service Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Housing Authority to provide an affordable housing market partnership for rental assistance to benefit housing choice voucher program participants.

Section 2 - That an amount, not to exceed the total sum of \$100,000.00, be and hereby is approved for payment to the Lexington-Fayette County Housing Authority, from account #1101-155003-78112 pursuant to the terms of the Purchase of Service Agreement.

Section 3 - That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
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