



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

**FROM:** CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**DATE:** JUNE 2, 2017

**SUBJECT:** FY 18 Home Network Program at the Family Care Center

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**Request:** Council authorization to accept award from the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in the amount of \$485,742 to continue the Home Network Project also known as the Kentucky Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) at the Family Care Center—FY 2018

**Purpose of Request:** In Fiscal Year 1998, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Family Care Center began a home visitation program for the purpose of addressing many of the limitations observed among existing prevention efforts aimed at low-income families, and to create a system of support more responsive to emerging social and familial realities. The Home Network provides home visitation services for high risk families from birth of the first child up to age two. This program is based upon evidence that home visitation programs are effective in reducing child abuse and neglect. In 2016, the LFUCG began receiving funds to serve multigravida families, those with more than one child.

The Home Network program is supported by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in a "pass-through" arrangement with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department as the granting agency. The source of federal funds is the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). A portion of Kentucky's tobacco settlement dollars has been earmarked for support of this program. State General fund dollars also provide funding to support multigravida services.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** The Home Network program is a "fee for service" program, in that the LFUCG only receives funding for services that it delivers. For 2018, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services has estimated the following allocations: Medicaid funds--\$376,288, non-Medicaid funds--\$56,254, and funds for multigravida families in the amount of \$53,200 for a total of \$485,742. Since its inception, the program has demonstrated that it can sustain operations with the revenue it generates from federal and state resources as long as it is appropriately staffed. No match is required. Funding for future budget years is dependent upon availability of federal and state funding.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2018 is in process.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Rodes/Ford

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Charlie Lanter, Director

