



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Gray
Mayor

Cheryl Taylor
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

To: Jim Gray , Mayor
Urban County Council

From: _____
Richard Moloney, Acting Commissioner
Department of Environmental Quality & Public Works

Date: April 16, 2012

Re: "Heap It On!" – A Play Presented by Lexington Children's Theatre

The Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works seeks approval to provide an additional \$11,000 in funding to the Lexington Children's Theatre (LCT) to support the play, "Heap It On." If approved, professional actors and teaching artists will present a 30-minute play to provide students with an understanding of the issues facing our planet while providing strategies and practices to be better stewards of our natural resources. Each performance will be followed up by activities and discussion about how the students can make a difference in their homes and community. The expenses for each performance total roughly \$1,000; so we envision this support funding 11 performances. The cost will cover performers, transportation, equipment and supplies. This is in addition to previous funding authorized by Resolution 227-2011.

LCT works to educate young people in understanding the importance of reducing waste and utilizing our natural resources in a responsible manner. The goal is to give youth an opportunity to use drama and art to examine how to become a better "Green Citizen." To evaluate the program, the artists will utilize an entry and exit survey to measure the impact of the program on each participant.

This support is in keeping with our overall program of environmental education and outreach. Because of this project's focus on waste minimization, we propose funding this request from the Urban Services Fund under the following account: 1115-313103-3161-71299.

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