



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

DATE: MARCH 22, 2021

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security 2021 State Homeland Security Grant
Application for the Division of Police**

Request: Council authorization to submit an application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds in the amount of \$884,579.93 for the Division of Police under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request:

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The states have the responsibility for apportioning funding to local governments.

The Division of Police Hazardous Devices Unit is preparing an application for funding to upgrade remote firing device and explosive response robot includes equipment and maintenance at a cost of \$212,945. The upgrade includes replacement of most major components including the manipulator arm. The new arm has significantly improved lifting capacity and dexterity for accessing and mitigating explosive devices. In addition, the Air Support Unit is preparing an application for funding to purchase a thermal or color camera, and searchlight equipment and installation at a cost of \$671,634.93. The equipment will address the technology gap to respond to search/rescue, active shooters, domestic terrorism and protection of large crowds.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? A total of \$884,579.93 in federal funds is requested for Fiscal Year 2022. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Funds will be budgeted if approved for funding.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

