

GRANT SEARCH PROSPECTUS

Proposed Empower Lexington Plan Manager Grant Search

March 4, 2019

Purpose: The purpose of this grant application will be to fund a temporary, 3-year staff position that develops a comprehensive roadmap to reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions and implement resilience activities to adapt to local impacts resulting from climate change. These climate action plans will build on LFUCG’s existing greenhouse gas inventory and generally focus on those activities that, (1) can achieve the relatively greatest greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the most cost-effective manner and (2) identify resilience measures and priorities that the community-at-large can choose to undertake.

Preliminary Proposed Activities: Pending further workload estimates, it is anticipated that the position would conduct the following activities:

1. Re-activate the LFUCG greenhouse gas emissions inventory,
2. Develop a coordinated community-wide energy conservation outreach program in close coordination with related local NGOs and especially UK and Fayette County Public Schools,
3. Serve as the LFUCG “EPAD” coordinator, ie, city-adopted Energy Project Assessment Districts
4. Develop a proposed Empower Lexington Plan update process and funding plan,
5. With funding secured, implement the Empower Lexington Plan update process, and
6. Provide related in-house consultation as time and the above duties permit.

Proposed Position Location: Based on the experience with the current LFUCG local foods and homelessness prevention coordinator positions, have this new position similarly located within the Mayor’s Office and report to the Lexington Environmental Quality Commission and/or any subcommittee as the Commission may determine best or most efficient.

Preliminary Grant Amount Request: Pending further research and based on a suggested HR salary overhead factor, the initial grant search amount would be \$322,915. LFUCG would provide an office, supplies, pool car privileges, and administrative support including intern assistance and citywide staff cost-of-living annual increases.

3-year salary of \$73,000 annually + benefits	\$ 303,315
ICLEI software membership	10,500
One-year Urban Sustainable Directors Network dues	3,100
Educational and miscellaneous expenses	<u>6,000</u> (max \$2,000/yr)
Total	\$ 322,915

Grant Search Process: The proposed grant search process will identify potential funding sources, prioritize them for our eligibility criteria, and thus make sequential, separate grant applications as needed with LFUCG as applicant. These procedures may range from simply an initial letter of interest to preparation of a full application within a given funding cycle. All applications would follow the usual LFUCG grant approval requirements and rules and procedures for temporary positions.

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Economic Benefits: In addition to creating a more sustainable community and preparing for climate change impacts, there are several economic benefits that are estimated in the KFTC *Empower Kentucky Plan* where Lexington would share in statewide economic benefits transitioning to a clean energy economy, as follows:

- According to the *Empower Kentucky Plan*, the state has the potential to invest \$11 billion to make homes and businesses more efficient and prioritize energy savings in low income communities,
- Create 46,000 more jobs in the state over 15 years while lowering home energy bills and reducing pollution,
- Would lower home electricity bills by 10 percent and retain cost-savings dollars in the local economy. A similar effect can be expected in lowering business electricity bills as well, and
- Keep the city competitive with new businesses and prospective employees looking to locate in places with new energy economies. A 2015 ICLEI study reported 132 local governments nationwide that have set and track emissions reduction targets including Cincinnati, Nashville, and Knoxville. Louisville is in the process of such goal setting.

Preliminary Proposal Only: By the nature of the grant application process, this prospectus is preliminary only. It is subject to change and as city rules for grant applications permit.