

RESOLUTION NO. 177 - 2021

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PROPOSED BARRIER FREE RE-ENTRY AND RECOVERY INITIATIVE (BFREE) WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THOSE WITH SUBSTANCE USE AND OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A FY 2022 APPROPRIATIONS COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING INTEREST FORM AND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ANDY BARR.

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WHEREAS, the opioid and substance abuse epidemic has negatively affected the lives of many members of our community, and has also made an impact on Lexington's workforce and city services.

WHEREAS, Lexington-Fayette County has been on the forefront on this issue, creating and implementing innovative ideas to reduce opioid and substance abuse and its effects, including implementing needle exchange programs and a community paramedicine program, encouraging the carrying of Naloxone, creating the Mayor's Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council in November 2020, and, if funded, rolling out the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE);

WHEREAS, due primarily to the COVID-19 pandemic, overdose rates in Lexington-Fayette County increased sixty percent (60%) in 2020 from the previous year, erasing much of the progress Lexington-Fayette County has made and illustrating a continued need for existing programs, as well as new initiatives, aimed at ending or alleviating this crisis;

WHEREAS, the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE) consists of four key components: 1) recovery supportive living assistance; 2) community paramedicine support; 3) re-entry and recovery navigation; and 4) and a transportation fund, which are all responsive to the best practices of the sequential intercept model set forth by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration;

WHEREAS, the Mayor now desires to submit a FY 2022 Appropriations Community Funding Project interest form and supporting documentation to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr to seek funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 Appropriations Community Project Funding Interest Form encourages resolutions from local governments showing support for projects proposed for funding.

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

Section 1 - That the above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

Section 2 – That the Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby expresses its support for the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE), and further supports its submission to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr for funding.

Section 3 – That the Mayor, or her designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to submit a FY 2022 Appropriations Community Project Funding Interest Form, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and any supporting documentation related to the project to the Office of United States Representative Andy Barr.

Section 4 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: April 8, 2021

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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