



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

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY2025 Funding from the Cabinet for Health and Family  
Services for the Lexington Fire Department**

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**Request:** Council approval to execute agreement and accept funding from the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort administered by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in the amount of \$50,000 to help fund the Community Paramedicine Program. No matching funds required.

**Purpose of Request:** The purpose of the grant is a continuation of Quick Response Team capabilities through existing staffing within the Community Paramedicine Program. Grant funding will allow for the continuation of having the firefighter to work in the Community Paramedicine and paying the backfilled overtime costs generated by the move.

The Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) seeks to expand and sustain a comprehensive, equitable recovery-oriented system of care to end the opioid epidemic that has reached into every community in Kentucky. To achieve this aim, KORE and its partners commit to a trauma informed care and anti-racist framework to reduce overdose deaths and increase access to high quality, evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** \$50,000 has been awarded for FY2025. Funding for future budget years is dependent upon availability of federal funding.

**Are the funds budgeted?** FY2025 budget amendment will be completed.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Wells/Armstrong

