



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

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2023

**SUBJECT: Accept Grant Funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security FY2022
State Homeland Security Grant Program for the Division of Fire**

Request: Council authorization for the Mayor to execute an agreement and accept award of federal funding from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security under the FY2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$52,700. The Division of Fire and Emergency Services Special Operations Urban Search and Rescue Team will use funds to purchase approved FEMA Courses for the training of Technical Search Specialists and Heavy Rigging Specialists. No matching funds required.

Purpose of Request: On May 26, 2022 (Resolution 256-2022), Council authorized an application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds from the Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program. The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has awarded the Division of Fire and Emergency Services \$52,700 of federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2022 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.

This Grant will further the capability and development of the Type III USAR team at the Lexington Fire Department and allow us to have personnel with knowledge and training in these two areas that we currently do not.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$52,700 in federal funds have been awarded for Fiscal Year 2023. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

