



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: PAULA KING, INTERIM DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MARCH 1, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 HOPWA Grant Application

Request:

Council Authorization to submit application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requesting federal funds in the amount of \$1,430,000 for the renewal of the HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids) Grant Program for an additional three years.

Purpose of Request:

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has been receiving federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development since 1994 under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the development of housing facilities for persons with AIDS. AIDS Volunteers, Inc. serves as the sponsoring organization for this project. In the previous years, LFUCG has been awarded funds from HOPWA as follows:

Program	Year	Amount
Initial HOPWA Funding	1994	\$1,000,000
HUD's Special Projects of National Significance	1998	\$1,144,000
Renewal	2001	\$1,362,860
Renewal	2005	\$1,426,690
Renewal	2008	\$1,430,000
Renewal	2011	\$1,430,000
Renewal	2014	\$1,398,704

The AVOL AIDS Housing Program provides permanent supportive housing and transitional housing services for persons living with HIV/AIDS through two housing facilities (Rainbow Apartments and Solomon House). Solomon House is a community residence which provides permanent supportive housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS who are in the advanced stages of their illness and require personal care, supervision and supportive services. Rainbow Apartments is a transitional housing program designed to respond to persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or at risk for homelessness and in need of a spectrum of supportive services while they work through those issues that may have contributed to their homelessness. AVOL also operates a tenant-based rental assistance program with these funds.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

If the application is approved, the cost in the budget will be \$1,430,000 over the period of three years. No matching funds are required. Future years' funding is dependent upon availability of funds for this program.

Are the funds budgeted: Funds will not be budgeted until approved by the granting agency.

File Number: 0250-17

Director/Commissioner: Paula King/Sally Hamilton



Paula King, Interim Director