

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

FEBRUARY 21, 2014

SUBJECT:

Request Council authorization to submit application to the U.S. Department of Justice requesting federal funds in the amount of \$750,000 under the 2014 Second Chance Act Technology Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles for implementation of a Technology Career Training Program at the Fayette County

Detention Center

The Division of Community Corrections has developed grant application for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice requesting federal funding in the amount of \$750,000 under the 2014 Second Chance Act Technology Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles. If approved for funding, a technology career training program will be implemented at the Fayette County Detention Center. The project provides for a community collaboration of government and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of establishing career training programs for incarcerated adults during the 6-18 month period before release with the ultimate goal of increasing post-release employability in technology-based jobs. The career training program will provide structured IT training culminating in industry recognized certifications, job readiness training, cognitive behavior therapy, career counseling, mentoring, case management, and other services to prepare offenders for post-release employment success. Reintegration services may also include civil legal aid to assist persons with securing a driver's license, litigating inappropriate denials of housing and employment, and providing family law services to help stabilize individuals and families.

If approved, funds will be used for purchase of equipment, enhancements to the detention center computer lab, software, supplies, technology training, case management, job readiness and career counseling, and performance evaluation. No match is required.

The community collaboration includes Opportunity for Work and Learning, Inc., Sustainable Business Ventures, Bluegrass Reentry Council, ConnectKentucky, Inc., and Commonwealth Research Consulting, Inc.

This program is authorized under the Second Chance Act of 2007 which provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated persons who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and are returned to communities.

Council authorization to submit grant application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

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