

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

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2011

SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR CONTINUATION OF THE LFUCG ARREST POLICIES PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH PARTNER AGENCIES

On February 17, 2011 (Resolution No. 57,2011), Council approved submission of a grant application prepared by the LFUCG Division of Police, in collaboration with community partners serving the victims of domestic violence, to the U.S. Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women requesting \$400,000 in federal funds from the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program to continue the Arrest Policies project in Lexington..

An Arrest Polices grant was first approved in the amount of \$400,000 by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) on July 1, 2006. These funds were used to provide additional training on domestic violence for police recruits and for patrol officers, overtime for patrol officers for the purpose of providing additional hours in apprehending violators and building cases for prosecution, and the creation of two victim advocate positions in the Division of Police. Funding for victim services was also included. The purpose of the project is to hold offenders of domestic violence accountable for their actions through investigation, arrest, and prosecution. U.S. Department of Justice approved a second award of 400,000 on September 16, 2009.

The U.S. Department of Justice has now approved a third award in the amount of \$400,000. These funds will be used to continue the employment of the two victim advocates, support required OVW training, police overtime for purposes of apprehending violators, and victim services through community partners. A new part-time position will be created in the Fayette Commonwealth Attorney's Office to develop and maintain a high risk response team. No matching funds are required.

Council authorization to accept the award and to authorize execution of the following subrecipient agreements is hereby requested. Subrecipients are: Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program in the amount of \$52,000; Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center in the amount of \$8,000; Legal Aid of the Bluegrass in the amount of \$5,000; Fayette County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,000; Fayette County Commonwealth Attorney's Office in the amount of \$42,000; and American Probation and Parole Association in the amount of \$5,000,

Irene Gooding, Director

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