

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

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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

AUGUST 19, 2013

SUBJECT:

Request Council authorization to submit application to the Kentucky

Division of Forestry requesting federal funds under the Urban and

Community Forestry Grant Program

The Division of Environmental Policy has prepared an application for submission to the Kentucky Division of Forestry requesting \$15,000 in federal funds for Lexington's tree canopy assessment and planting plan. Funds are being requested to add three components to the existing urban tree canopy survey that is already in place under the Davey Resource Group. The three new components are the Comprehensive Urban Tree Canopy Report, the Canopy "Report Card" and two public presentations/workshops. A 50% (\$15,000) nonfederal match is required. This match will consist of personnel costs of existing employees, volunteer time, general fund match for website, printing, supplies, space rental., and the value of the existing tree canopy contract. Total cost of the project is \$30,000.

These federal funds originate from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Services.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Richard Moloney, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works