

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:

MARCH 10, 2014

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD OF FUNDS AND OTHER RESOURCES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY USA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A GREEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives-Local Governments for Sustainability

USA (ICLEI USA), in association with Office Depot and Green PSF, has approved an award of cash and other resources to Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government for implementation of a Green Business Challenge program in Lexington. The following cash and resources are included in the award:

ICLEI will provide technical support and coordination, valued at \$5,000;

• GreenPSF software license, customization and support, valued at \$5,000; This software will be on Bluegrass Greensource, Inc..'s website.

• cash in the amount of \$5,000 for event management including venue, food and other event costs associated with three events to include Green Business Challenge launch, green purchasing training and Green Business Challenge awards:

• and \$5,000 in Office Depot gift cards to be used for specific purposes during the Green Business Challenge implementation.

The Division of Environmental Policy will work with Bluegrass Greensource, Inc. (formerly Bluegrass Pride), to implement the Green Business Challenge. The agreement with ICLEI-USA also requires that Office Depot serve in a prominent role in the Green Business Challenge as a speaker at the launch event, trainer for Greener Purchasing Training, and as a speaker and co-presenter at the awards ceremony.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Charles Martin, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works