



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**SUBJECT: HOPWA AWARD**

**Request:** Council authorization to accept award of federal funds in the amount of \$1,430,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the continuation of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant and to execute Agreement With AIDS Volunteers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,391,000.

**Purpose of Request:** The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government first received federal funds in the amount of \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1994 under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the development of housing facilities for persons with AIDS. AIDS Volunteers, Inc., served as the sponsoring organization for this project. The following project continuations have been received:

Program	Year	Amount
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	\$1,437,920

On March 16, 2017 (Resolution No. 168-2017), Council approved the submission of a grant application to continue the project for an additional three years. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has now approved federal funds in the amount of \$1,430,000 for continuation of this project for an additional three years. 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 uses funds to operate a tenant-based rental assistance program.



The approved project includes leveraged funds in the amount of \$245,300 from the following community partners: Bluegrass Care Clinic, Moveable Feast Lexington, Kentucky AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Infectious Disease Research Program, and AIDS Volunteers, Inc. A subrecipient agreement in the amount of \$1,391,000 will be entered into with AIDS Volunteers, Inc.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** \$1,430,000.

**Are the funds budgeted:** BA 9052 is in process.

**File Number:** 0214-18

**Director/Commissioner:** Charlie Lanter/Sally Hamilton

