

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ONE OR MORE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT APPLICATIONS, WHICH GRANT FUNDS ARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR SUPPORT OF THE EMPOWER LEXINGTON PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (“LFUCG”) recognizes that becoming more energy efficient is key to Lexington/Fayette County becoming a more resilient and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, resilient and sustainable communities result in healthy environments for their citizens and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of community stakeholders, consultants, LFUCG staff, and others developed the *Empower Lexington* plan that was intended to facilitate voluntary reductions in per capita energy use; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 LFUCG adopted Resolution No. ____-2012 in support of the *Empower Lexington* plan and further resolved to work with community stakeholders and citizens to implement the *Empower Lexington* plan as resources allow; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update, the LFUCG adopted goals and objectives that included, among others, reducing Lexington-Fayette County’s carbon footprint and continuing programs and initiatives to improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, community stakeholders and LFUCG staff have, on a volunteer basis, have continued to advocate implementation of energy efficiency and sustainability measures identified in the *Empower Lexington* plan; and

WHEREAS, employment of professional staff to facilitate efforts to improve energy efficiency and promote sustainability in ways consistent with the *Empower Lexington* plan will benefit the citizens of Lexington-Fayette County:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is authorized to execute and submit one or more Grant Applications and to provide any additional information requested in connection with the Grant Applications, which Grant funds are in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and are for support of *Empower Lexington* program.

Section 2 – That without express authorization by further resolution or other actions by the LFUCG, such Grant Applications may not anticipate any obligation of LFUCG to expend cash resources unless those cash expenditures are reimbursed or otherwise supported by the Grant.

Section 3 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: _____, 2019

Mayor

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL