



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

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

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

DATE: MARCH 30, 2012

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT 2012
CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ACCEPT AWARDS OF FEDERAL FUNDS
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM,
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, AND
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM, FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR
FY 2013, AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS
WITH SUBRECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED
PLAN**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application submission for jurisdictions receiving funds through HUD's Planning and Community Development programs. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to serve as the planning document for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's participation in these programs. The overall goal of the programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The 2012 Consolidated Plan includes a one-year action plan providing for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships funds, and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds for Fiscal Year 2013 (the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) to address some of the identified problems.

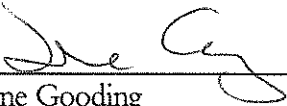
Federal regulations require that an active citizens' participation process be used to identify needs and to recommend the allocation of these federal resources. Two required public hearings have been conducted for the purpose of soliciting citizen comment on the housing and non-housing needs of the low-income population and on the budgeting of these federal funds to address identified needs. Applications for ESG, HOME, and CDBG funds were accepted through a uniform application process. Application solicitation was available through the LFUCG web page for the convenience of agencies having an interest in Consolidated Plan funding. The applications received were reviewed by the staff of the Division of Community Development. Their recommendations for funding were reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief of Staff in the Mayor's Office. The proposed plan was made available for public comment as provided by the approved Citizens Participation Plan on March 5, 2012. The 30-day comment period expires on April 3, 2012. No substantial written comments on the draft plan have been received.

H O R S E C A P I T A L O F T H E W O R L D

The Action Plan describes how funds available through the three program areas will be allocated and spent. CDBG program revenues include \$1,993,717 in federal funds with \$150,000 in program income anticipated in fiscal year 2013 for a total of \$2,143,717. The HOME Investment Partnerships program revenues include \$945,184 in federal funds, with a required local cash match of \$202,667 requested from the 2013 general fund budget (\$98,716) and from the proceeds of a closed-out Urban Development Action Grant loan (\$103,951), and program income of \$140,000 for a total of \$1,287,851; and the Emergency Solutions Grants program revenues include \$164,919 in federal funds, with a proposed FY 2013 general fund cash match of \$65,969, and an in-kind match of \$98,950 from subrecipient agencies.

These funds will be expended on public improvements, public facilities, housing rehabilitation, public services, a first-time Homebuyer program, development of homeownership units for low-income households, development of rental units for low-income populations, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities, operational support for emergency and transitional housing, and planning and administration activities. A list of projects as recommended for the Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant program, is attached.

Council authorization to submit the 2012 Consolidated Plan, with funding allocations as recommended herein, to accept the herein described federal funds, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2013, and to execute written agreements in accordance with the approved plan is hereby requested.



Irene Gooding
Director

Attachment: 2012 Consolidated Plan Project Recommendations

Xc: Richard Moloney, Chief Administrative Officer