

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 GRANT'S AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

February 27, 2015

SUBJECT:

Request Council Authorization to accept an award increase in the amount of \$120.16 from the National Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc for participation in the National Pal Mentoring Program in the Division of Police and to extend the Performance Period to June 30, 2015

Council previously approved the award of the National Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc., grant in the amount of \$27,500 in Resolution # 642-2013 on December 5, 2013. This grant provides funding for the operation of a National PAL Mentoring Program. The Police Activities League of Lexington is a crime prevention program that relies on recreation, athletic, and educational activities to build positive relationship among police officers, youth, and the community.

The purpose of this project is to expand a mentoring program that operates during non-school hours at the PAL building under the supervision of the PAL Mentoring Coordinator and a PAL police officer. The project includes development of a group of volunteers to serve as adult/peer mentors. This proposed enhancement of the mentoring program will target high-risk youth (17 and younger) in Census Tracts 38.01, 34.04 and 23.01, areas characterized by poverty, low academic achievement, substance abuse and high crime. The mentoring program has the objective of preventing substance use/abuse, delinquency, and dropping out of school.

Additional funding in the amount of \$120.16 and an extension of the Performance Period has been granted by the Department of Justice until June 30, 2015.

Federal funds for the program are from the U.S. Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program. No local match is required.

Council authorization to accept additional funding and approve the extension of the Performance Period is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

XC: Ronnie Bastin, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety