



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Child Care Food Program Application for the Family Care Center – FY24

Request: Council authorization to submit an application, and accept award if offered in the amount of \$79,000, to the Kentucky Department of Education/Division of School and Community Nutrition for participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child Care Food Program for provision of breakfast, lunch, and supplements at free and reduced rates to infants and toddlers attending the Family Care Center’s child care and pre-school programs, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2024.

Purpose of the Request: It is estimated that 64,000 meals will be served during the twelve-month period, beginning October 1, 2023. As of July 1, 2023, the Federal reimbursement rates for free meals are as follows: \$2.11 for breakfast, \$3.93 for lunch, and \$1.08 for a supplement. Approximately 85% of the children enrolled in Family Care Center programs qualify for free or reduced meals.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Based upon current enrollment, an estimated \$79,000 in federal funds will be collected. While no match is required, an additional \$113,500 in 2024 General Fund dollars has been budgeted to cover catering costs that exceed actual reimbursement.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Horton-Holt/Allen-Bryant

