



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
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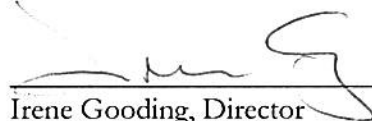
**SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to accept award from the Lexington-Fayette
County Health Department in the amount of \$489,160 to continue the Home
Network Project at the Family Care Center—FY 2016**

In Fiscal Year 1998, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Family Care Center began a home visitation program for the purpose of addressing many of the limitations observed among existing prevention efforts aimed at low-income families, and to create a system of support more responsive to emerging social and familial realities. The Home Network provides home visitation services for high risk families from birth of the first child up to age two. This program is based upon evidence that home visitation programs are effective in reducing child abuse and neglect. In 2016, for the first time, the LFUCG will also receive funds to serve multigravida families, those with more than one child.

The Home Network program is being funded by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in a "pass-through" arrangement with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department as the granting agency. The source of federal funds is the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) and tobacco settlement dollars. The Kentucky Legislature has earmarked a portion of Kentucky's tobacco settlement dollars for funding of programs that will help the state reach the goal that all young children in Kentucky are healthy and safe, possess the foundation that will enable school and personal success, and live in strong families that are supported and strengthened by their communities.

The Home Network program is a "fee for service" program, in that the LFUCG only receives funding for services that it delivers. For 2016, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services has estimated the following allocations: Medicaid funds--\$333,254, non-Medicaid funds--\$78,823, and funds for multigravida families in the amount of \$71,148 for a total of \$489,160. Since its inception, the program has demonstrated that it can sustain operations with the revenue it generates from federal and state resources as long as it is appropriately staffed. No match is required.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.


Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Chris Ford, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services