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DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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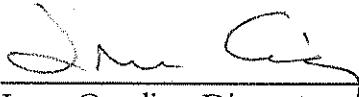DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR CONTINUATION OF A SAFE HAVENS PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH SUNFLOWER KIDS, INC.— FY 2014

On March 21, 2013 (Resolution No. 141-2013), Council approved submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women requesting federal funding for continuation of the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to provide safe and affordable supervised visitation and monitored exchange services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, stalking, and sexual assault. A Safe Havens consultation committee was formed and facilitated by the Domestic Violence Prevention Board to oversee the project and to develop a coordinated community approach to visitations and exchanges.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women has offered the LFUCG an award in the amount of $500,000 to continue this program for three years. Funds will be used to continue operating the Sunflower Kids visitation center, to expand services to one additional visitation site in Scott County, and to continue partial contractual funding of the Director of the Fayette County Violence Prevention Board for oversight of the project. No matching funds are required.

Council authorization to accept the award and to execute agreement with the subrecipient agency, Sunflower Kids, Inc., in the amount of $473,790 is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Cc: Beth Mills, Commissioner, Department of Social Services