

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 GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

AUGUST 30, 2013

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD FROM

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY KYTC OFFICE OF HIGHWAY

SAFETY FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING SERVICES- FY 2014

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety Programs has offered Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government federal funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the provision of Distracted Driving related services. All funds will be used to support officer overtime for the period of September 5, 2013 through December 5, 2013. No matching funds are required.

With these funds, Division of Police will expand its traffic enforcement to include distracted driving. Officers on an overtime basis will conduct distracted driving enforcement in areas of cell phone usage, texting while driving, and other high risk driving habits such as eating, reading books and papers while driving.

The project objectives are to: (1) to decrease the number of distracted-related collisions by 10% from 86 in August 2012 to 77 by December 5, 2013; and (2) to decrease the number of distracted-related occupant injuries by 10% from 31 in August 2012 to 28 by December 5, 2013.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.

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Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of Public Safety

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