



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

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

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2024

SUBJECT: West Hickman §319(h) Grant Application

Request: Council authorization to submit an application to the Kentucky Division of Water, and accept funding, if awarded, under the 2024 §319(h) Grant Program requesting funding in the amount of \$150,000 for a West Hickman Watershed Project for the Division of Environmental Services. Match in the amount of \$100,000 is required.

Purpose of Request: The Division of Environmental Services has identified a project listed in the EPA- and KDOW-approved West Hickman Watershed Management Plan, June 2023, which qualifies for this grant program. The project location is a city-owned detention basin at 3474 Pimlico Pkwy (7.3 acres) that was built in the 1980s for quantity/flood control (without consideration to water quality). This project would retrofit the detention basin to allow for stormwater infiltration by removing the concrete channel and installing a wet meadow for pollutant filtration that would also provide significant pollinator habitat in an urbanized area of Lexington. Specific details of this project can be found on the attached Notice of Intent.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Total cost of the project is \$250,000, which includes State funds of \$150,000 and local match \$100,000. No additional costs are anticipated.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment will be completed if awarded.

File Number: 0027-24

Director / Commissioner: Carey/Albright

