



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2020

SUBJECT: FY 21 Home Network Program at the Family Care Center

Request: Council authorization to accept an award from the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in the amount of \$486,420 to continue the Home Network Project also known as the Kentucky Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) at the Family Care Center—FY 2021.

Purpose of Request: In Fiscal Year 1998, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Family Care Center began a home visitation program to address 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, the LFUCG began receiving funds to serve families with more than one child.

The Home Network program is supported 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). A portion of Kentucky's tobacco settlement dollars have been earmarked for support of this program. State General Fund dollars also provide funding to support services for families with more than one child.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? The Home Network program is a "fee for service" program, in that the LFUCG only receives funding for services that it delivers. For 2021, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services has estimated the following allocations: Federal funds in the amount of \$342,364 (Medicaid), and State funds in the amount of \$144,056 (non-Medicaid and multi-child families) for a total of \$486,420. No match is required. Funding for future budget years is dependent upon availability of federal and state funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment 10760 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Rodes/Ford

