

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton Mayor Kenneth Armstrong Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

Urban County Council

Favrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers

Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong

Department of Public Safety

DATE: August 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

## Request

Authorization to approve the attached Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the Department of Justice, The Department of the Treasury.

## Why are you requesting?

This agreement sets forth the requirements for participation in the federal equitable sharing program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest, which are equitably shared with participating law enforcement agencies. This agreement also requires the submission of any discrimination cases involving the Lexington Police Department. The letter submitted by the Department of Law states that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, there have not been any findings issued, judgments entered or determinations by any court or administrative agency that the LFUCG Division of Police discriminated against any person or group in violation of the federal civil rights statutes listed in the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. The attached agreement is a prerequisite to receiving any equitably shared cash, property, or proceeds. Due to the time restraint on this agreement, we are requesting this documentation be expedited through the Legistar process, with two readings requested at the August 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. There will be no budgetary impact. Upon approval and signing, please forward a copy of the agreement to the Chief's Office. If you have any question or require additional information, please contact my office.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

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Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief

Lexington Police Department

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