



TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: MAY 20, 2016

SUBJECT: 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for Division of Fire and Emergency Services

Request:

Request Council authorization to accept award of federal funds in the amount of \$367,912 from U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for exhaust extraction system upgrades or replacements for 16 Lexington fire stations.

Why are you requesting?

On December 8, 2015 (Resolution No. 770-2015), Council approved submission of grant application requesting federal funds under the 2015 Assistance of Firefighters Grant Program for this project. LFUCG has been offered federal funds in the amount of \$367,912 for upgrades or replacements of the exhaust extraction systems for 16 fire stations with the objective of removing highly toxic carcinogenic pollutants from the bays of the fire stations by capturing diesel exhaust at the source, eliminating exhaust pollutants from the bays and the living and sleeping quarters of the fire stations. Reducing the exposure of firefighters to diesel exhaust is one of the national fire service's highest priorities with the goal of reducing short-term and long-term disabilities and shortened life spans caused by respiratory illnesses.

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

The cost for FY 2016 is \$404,703 (\$367,912 in federal funds and \$36,791 in local match)
There are no anticipated costs in future fiscal years.

Are the funds budgeted?

Budget amendments 7572 and 7573 are in process

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Director/Commissioner: Chilton/Bastin

