



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

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

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2019

SUBJECT: Anthem Kentucky Medicaid Grant

Request: Council Authorization to accept a grant of \$25,000 from Anthem Kentucky Medicaid and authorization for the Mayor to execute an agreement with Arbor Youth Services for a program to facilitate the creation of safe transitional solutions for youth ages 18 to 24 experiencing homelessness.

Why are you requesting? Youth in shelter must leave at age 18 and without planning and support young people may be abruptly without shelter and vulnerable to human trafficking. While emergency shelters are available, they are not developmentally appropriate and lack youth targeted supportive services.

Anthem Kentucky Medicaid has offered the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention a grant of \$25,000 for a housing assistance fund to help transition aged youth quickly access services and obtain permanent housing. The Office of Homelessness will enter into an agreement with Arbor Youth Services, Lexington's only shelter for unaccompanied children and transition age youth, to operate this program. This may include, but is not limited to, payment for deposits, rent, utility hook up, move in expenses, essential furniture, and household goods. The funding may also be used for incentives, such as signing bonuses, additional deposits, or unpaid rent, or for landlords willing to assist young adults.

No matching funds are required.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$25,000. No costs are anticipated for future years.

Are the funds budgeted? BA 10337 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Ruddick/Hamilton

