



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

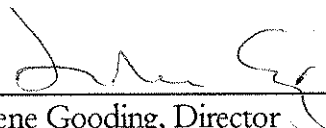
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2012

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE STAFFING FOR
ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS
PROGRAM**

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services has prepared an application for submission to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program requesting federal funds for the hiring of twenty-eight entry level firefighters. The authority for SAFER is derived from the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. §2229a et seq.). The goal of SAFER Grants is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, assuring communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The LFUCG's application provides for the hiring of twenty-eight firefighters for a two - year period at an approximate cost of \$2,621,416.

There is no local cash match requirement under this grant program; however, if approved only salaries and benefits (actual payroll expenses) are eligible expenses. The LFUCG will be responsible for costs that include training, uniforms, and equipment. Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds, and may not be used to replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. There is no requirement that firefighters funded under this program be retained beyond the two-year funding period.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.


Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

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