

TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: JULY 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Acceptance of CARES Act Funds for the Office of the Fayette County Clerk for 2020 election expenses

Request: Council authorization to accept \$30,720 of federal CARES Act funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky State Board of Elections for the hiring of additional primary election staff in the Office of the Fayette County Clerk.

Purpose of the Request: The Kentucky State Board of Elections has provided the Fayette County Clerk with \$30,720 of federal CARES Act funds to offset expenses incurred by hiring additional staff during the 2020 primary election. These funds are provided under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) program and reimburse expenses already incurred by the Clerk's office. Funds were provided to clerk's offices throughout Kentucky to help with the additional expenses of the election as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The cost in this budget year and future budget years: Available funding is \$30,720. This is one-time assistance.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget Amendment 10726 is in process.

File Number: 0707-20

Director/Commissioner: Hamilton

