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DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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

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

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

**SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit application and accept award, if offered, from the Kentucky Justice Cabinet under the Violence Against Women Act Program for the continuation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program In FY 2015**

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The Division of Police has prepared an application for submission to the Kentucky Justice Cabinet requesting federal funds in the amount of \$40,380 from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Program for the continuation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) program in the Division of Police as a response to sexual assault for females fourteen and above. The Division of Police, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the Fayette County Attorney's Office, and the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center have collaborated on the planning and implementation of this project and have agreed to provide a coordinative response to the victims of sexual assault.

This project was begun in 2000 with the creation and filling of a full-time position of S.A.N.E. Project Director as a civilian employee in the Division of Police. Other S.A.N.E.s have been recruited to serve on-call on a contractual basis. S.A.N.E.s are registered nurses with specific credentials for the examination of rape and other sexual assault victims. The University of Kentucky Medical Center provides private examination and waiting space in its Emergency Room for this program. Dr. Brian Adkins, an attending ER physician, serves as medical director for the project. The purpose of this project is to provide the victims of sexual assault with better examinations for evidence and to give greater care to the chain of evidence with the objective of more successful prosecutions for sexual assault. It is anticipated that more humane treatment of the victim at the time of the examination will increase reporting and increase willingness to testify in prosecutions.

Total project costs for a 12-month period will be \$86,380. Of this total, the request for federal funding is \$40,380. Local match in the amount of \$28,150 is budgeted in the Division of Police's FY 2015 general fund budget. Funds will be used for contractual services, emergency room space, medication costs, cell phones, training and supply and equipment costs. It is projected that during a full project year, as many as 130 sexual assault examinations will be conducted. It is estimated that the S.A.N.E. Project Director will perform approximately 25 of these exams in the course of her work. The remaining 105 exams will be performed by S.A.N.E.s working under contract. It is

anticipated that the state's Crime Victims Compensation Fund will pay \$200 for each of these exams, for a total estimated state revenue of \$21,000. The LFUCG pays the nurses at a rate of \$230. The remaining \$30 per exam (\$3,150 total) is included in grant match.

Council authorization to submit the application and accept the award if offered is hereby requested.

  
Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety