

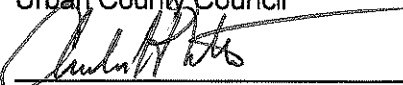


Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PUBLIC WORKS

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FROM:   
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DATE: November 5, 2013

SUBJECT: EcoArt Grant Program

The Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works in collaboration with LexArts seeks approval to provide \$100,000 in funding for EcoART projects. The EcoART program was modified to focus on larger projects with higher visibility and deeper community impact. The goals of the program are to generate increased awareness of environmental issues important to Lexington, educate citizens, and promote a healthy and sustainable quality of life.

LexArts has been selected to administer the EcoART Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to include:

1. A national Call for Entries and selection process for professional artists experienced in large-scale public artwork;
2. Site visits for five finalists to participate in a Request for Proposals. Each will receive an honorarium plus travel costs to visit Lexington;
3. Designs for site-specific projects;
4. Public review of the submitted proposals;
5. Selection of three proposals with a budget up to \$25,000; and
6. Compilation of a complete portfolio of the projects to be published and exhibited by LexArts for the purpose of promoting environmental themes in Lexington. Submitted materials will become the property of the LFUCG.

The support for these projects is in keeping with our overall program of environmental education and outreach. The Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works has budgeted funds to conduct the EcoArt Grant Program. The total amount to be disbursed is \$100,000 from account 1115-313201-3095-78112. Projects will be completed by June 1, 2014.

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