



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services

DATE: January 19, 2023

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Kentucky
Arboretum Visitor Center Expansion Project

Request:

Request Council authorization for the Mayor to execute a memorandum of agreement with the University of Kentucky for LFUCG to provide \$500,000 for expansion of the Dorotha Smith Oatts Visitor Center at the Arboretum.

Purpose:

The Arboretum is the State Botanical Garden of Kentucky. LFUCG and the University of Kentucky have a longstanding partnership through the Arboretum, located at 500 Alumni Drive. The University has established a capital campaign fund with a goal of \$3 million to complete expansion of the Arboretum’s visitor center. To date, approximately \$1.6 million has been raised.

Budgetary Implication:

A total funding amount of \$500,000 is available in FY 23. The adopted FY 23 budget allocated \$200,000. An additional \$300,000 was committed in subsequent FY 22 fund balance reallocation.

Funding Source: 1101 – 900704 – 0001 – 71101

File Number: 0077-23

Director/Commissioner: Ford

