



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
HOUSING ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: MARCH 4, 2002

SUBJECT: Racial Equity Analysis for Lexington's Homelessness System

Request: Council authorization to execute an agreement with Cloudburst Consulting Group with funding from the America Rescue Plan Act for a Racial and Equity Analysis, providing recommendations to align systems of care and organizations across Fayette County to prevent and end homelessness with a primary focus on racial equity at a cost not to exceed \$87,385.00..

Purpose of Request Demographic data from the KYHMIS for both fiscal year 2019 and 2020 demonstrated the ongoing impacts of structural racism in the Fayette County homeless services response system. These data show an overrepresentation of Blacks/African Americans entering the homeless system (28.2%) as well as a reduced rate for Hispanic/Latinos (4.6%). Data showed Blacks/African Americans experienced homelessness longer than White counterparts, on average 72 days longer (FY20). In FY20, it was shown that multiracial households returned to homelessness at nearly five (5) times the rate of Whites as well as exited the system to permanent housing at significantly lower rates, only 13% of the time.

The proposed racial equity systems analysis will provide analysis from system level to an organizational level. The goal of this collaborative analysis between system and organizations will be used as a roadmap for concrete actions that can be taken.

The CoC believes that coordinating goals and strategies centered on racial equity will strengthen local actions and potentially deepen the impact of the local strategic plan to prevent and effectively end homelessness.

These funds are allocated from ARPA funding included in the FY22 budget for the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention.



What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? The cost in FY22 is \$87,385.00. There is not impact on future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes. Funds are budgeted in 3230-155003-0001-78112

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter/Lanter

