



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
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: March 23, 2015**

**SUBJECT: Request Council Authorization to submit application for funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the Safety and Justice Challenge Grant, provided by the MacArthur Foundation, to collect and assess data relating to reducing incarceration in the local jail system**

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The Division of Corrections has prepared a grant application for submission to the Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Program, requesting \$150,000 for the collection and assessment of inmate data over a six month timeframe. No match is required.

The number of people residing in local jails has increased dramatically over the last three decades, and so has the amount of expenditures related to operating the jails. The MacArthur Foundation created a five-year initiative, the Safety and Justice Challenge, as a means of investing in local research and reform with the goal of reducing over-incarceration in America. If funded, the Division of Corrections and community partners will work with the MacArthur Foundation and four of the nation's leading criminal justice organizations to collect and analyze data in our justice system. The information they gather will be used to create a systematic plan for reducing the number of people who return to jail.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.



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Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Ronnie Bastin, Commissioner of Public Safety