

## Mayor Jim Gray

## LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Division of Grants and Special Programs

TO:

IIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2012** 

SUBJECT

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPT AWARD IF OFFERED TO THE LUMINA FOUNDATION REQUESTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR A LATINA EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT AT THE FAMILY

CARE CENTER

The Division of Family Services has prepared a grant application for submission to the Lumina Foundation requesting funds for a part-time bi-lingual mentor to work with Latina teen mothers enrolled in the on-site educational program. All enrolled Latina students will receive enhanced services related to college attainment under this project including direct engagement of families, availability of information regarding higher education options, college field trips/activities, and successful management of barriers/obstacles to higher education attainment. The project will maximize students' exposure to college-related options so that they may set goals and make educational decisions in a well-informed manner. All Latina students will be targeted to enhance the Center's cultural and linguistic ability to meet academic and service needs of this population, to support and incorporate a new college success program, and to give students access to Kentucky Latino Education Alliance partner initiatives and support.

Division of Family Services has requested funds in the \$10,000 for support of a part-time coordinator, operating supplies, and travel. A required match of \$8,600 will come primarily from documentation of existing personnel costs in the Division of Family Services. Total project cost is \$18,600.

Lumina Foundation is a private foundation dedicated exclusively to increasing students' access to and success in postsecondary education.

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

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Beth Mills, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services