



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2017

**SUBJECT: Amendment to 2016 Consolidated Plan—
PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

Request: Council authorization to amend the 2016 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to cancel the VA Housing Project in the amount of \$466,500 and to provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the Leestown VA Waterline Project, \$356,500 for the Black & Williams Cultural Center Project, and \$10,000 for the Canaan House Project.

Purpose of Request: The following approved projects are proposed to be cancelled:

- **Leestown VA Housing Project - \$466,500**
Leestown VA Housing will involve the construction of 58 multifamily units of permanent, affordable rental housing on Leestown Road. These units are targeted toward low-income at-risk veterans and their families. The developer is AU Associates with experience in affordable housing.

In an effort to spend funding in a timely manner, three new projects have been chosen. These are:

- **Leestown VA Waterline Project - \$100,000**
Leestown VA Waterline Project will extend the waterline to the VA Housing Project which is providing 58 multifamily units of permanent, affordable rental housing on Leestown Road. These units are targeted toward low-income at-risk veterans and their families.
- **Black & Williams Neighborhood Center Window Replacement Project - \$356,500**
Black and Williams Community Center, owned by LFUCG, is located at 498 Georgetown St. The two story building was constructed in 1915 and renovated in 1974 and 1990. The building has been surveyed by the LFUCG Division of Historic Preservation and identified as significant to the history of education and community growth in Lexington. The occupants of the building are community groups that have offices providing a variety of services to the surrounding community. The windows are in very poor condition. The vinyl windows were of low quality when installed and have deteriorated. The window panning trim left gaps between the masonry opening which were filled with sealant. The large sealant joints have failed allowing water to enter the walls veneer wall system starting on the second floor working down to the first floor windows. Air infiltration is also a problem. Replacing the windows will allow for a better controlled environment and will provide energy efficiency.
- **Canaan House Roof Replacement Project - \$10,000**
Canaan House is a 6-unit affordable housing community in Lexington for persons with severe mental illness. The house located at 379 South Broadway Park is in need of a new roof.



In accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR Part 91.505 and the amended Citizen Participation Plan approved by Council on September 29, 2016 (Resolution 584-2016), the creation of these new projects requires a substantial amendment to the 2016 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Because it is a substantial amendment, citizens must be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed activities. Therefore, a public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on September 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: \$466,500 will be re-budgeted from the VA Housing Project into the three new projects within CDBG_2016. There are no additional costs.

Are the funds budgeted? BA 8704 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter/Hamilton

