



TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE: January 20, 2017

SUBJECT: City Mentors Program

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the establishment of the City Mentors Program, a youth development initiative designed to allow eligible LFUCG Civil Service employees paid leave (for up to two hours each week), while serving as mentors for local youth. The City Mentors program will be administered by Partners for Youth, initially in cooperation with Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Lexington Leadership Foundation; Fayette County Public Schools, and Lexington Division of Parks and Recreation. City Mentors will be encouraged to commit minimum of one year of service participation.

Why are you requesting?

A community focus is being placed on promoting activities which offer development opportunity and enhance quality of life for Lexington youth and teens. The City Mentors Program will allow local government to make available positive role models in support of this effort. In addition, City Mentors may expose mentees to the vast and diverse occupations and service areas within LFUCG. Interested employees will be required to meet LFUCG program eligibility requirements, as well as compliance with training standards of the aforementioned local partner agencies.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

There is no fiscal impact to LFUCG associated with this program.

Are the funds budgeted?

There is no fiscal impact to LFUCG associated with this program.

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