



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

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

DATE: APRIL 5, 2021

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant Award from the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant
Program to purchase Yubikey for Election Security**

Request: Council authorization to accept grant funds of \$134,398 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security in partnership with the Kentucky Office of the Secretary of State for the purchase of Yubikey for cybersecurity for county election officials.

Purpose of Request:

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has awarded Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government \$134,398 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The states have the responsibility for apportioning funding to local governments.

The Kentucky Office of the Secretary of State will work in partnership with LFUCG to purchase the Yubikey for cybersecurity for county election officials to use in 120 county clerk offices in Kentucky to protect the Voter Registration System from unauthorized access.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$134,398 in federal funds has been awarded for Fiscal Year 2021. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment 11071 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter/Hamilton

