

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:

OCTOBER 31, 2013

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUES, INC., AND ACCEPT AWARD IF OFFERED, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PAL MENTORING PROGRAM IN THE DIVISION OF POLICE

The Division of Police, Police Activities League has prepared a grant application for submission to the National Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc., requesting \$27,500 for operation of a National PAL Mentoring Program. The Police Activities League of Lexington is a crime prevention program that relies on recreation, athletic, and educational activities to build positive relationship among police officers, youth, and the community.

The purpose of this project is to expand a mentoring program that operates during non-school hours at the PAL building under the supervision of the PAL Mentoring Coordinator and a PAL police officer. The project includes development of a group of volunteers to serve as adult/peer mentors. This proposed enhancement of the mentoring program will target high-risk youth (17 and younger) in Census Tracts 38.01, 34.04 and 23.01, areas characterized by poverty, low academic achievement, substance abuse and high crime. The mentoring program has the objective of preventing substance use/abuse, delinquency, and dropping out of school.

Funds will be used to support costs of a mentoring coordinator (under contract), travel, field trips, training materials, snacks, and operating supplies.

Federal funds for the program are from the U.S. Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program. No local match is required.

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

Irene Gooding, Director

XC: Clay Mason, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

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