



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

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

DATE: January 25, 2021

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Application under the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant- Fire Prevention and Safety for Division of Fire and Emergency Services

Request: Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) requesting federal funding of \$37,458.50 for Fire Investigation and Community Services Bureaus. Match in the amount of \$1,971.50 is required.

Purpose of Request: The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards. The FP&S grant program accomplishes this by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. The Division of Fire Investigation and Community Services Bureau seeks funding to purchase the following:

Arson Investigation Equipment:

L-tron OSCR 360 basic pack (1 OSCR 360 kit used by 1 computer & 1 year license) \$10,000

Arson Investigator Training:

IAAI 40 hour Arson Investigation (\$535/member x 5 Investigators) \$2,675.00

IAAI Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony (\$500/member x 5 Investigators) \$2,500.00

IAAI Motor Vehicle Fire Investigation (\$545/member x 5 Investigators) \$2,725.00

NAFI Vehicle Fire Investigation Training Program (\$775/member x 5 Investigators) \$3,875

Community Services Equipment:

BulleX Fire Extinguisher Prop \$14,280

12 Adult CPR Manikins \$1,800

12 Infant CPR Manikins \$1,575

The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards. As it relates to the Arson Investigation request, the purpose is to pay for training and purchase equipment needed to effectively investigate the origin and cause of fires. As it relates to the Community Services





request, the purpose is to purchase needed equipment to deliver safety classes to the community with the overall goal of making Lexington a safer place to live.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? If the grant is approved, federal funds in the amount of \$37,458.50 will be awarded, requiring a 5% match of \$1,971.50.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if approved.

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

