

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:

APRIL 28, 2014

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, AND TO ACCEPT AWARD IF OFFERED, TO THE BLUEGRASS AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR OPERATION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IN FY 2015

A grant application has been prepared by the Department of Social Services for submission to the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) requesting federal funds from Title III of the Older Americans Act for operation of the Lexington Senior Citizens Center in FY 2015. The Lexington Senior Citizens Center is a multi-purpose community focal point for services to persons 60 and older in Fayette County. Basic center operations include advocacy, counseling, education, health promotion, access to legal assistance, outreach, recreation, and telephone reassurance. LFUCG staff includes a center director, Social Worker, a staff assistant senior, and two part-time van drivers. The center also houses other agencies that provide services to older persons. These agencies, each having their own budgets, funding sources and staff, include Meals on Wheels and the Nursing Home Ombudsman of the Bluegrass. The Bluegrass Community Action Partnership also operates a nutrition program at this location.

It is estimated that \$83,830 in federal funds will be available in FY 2015. The minimum local match required for the operation of the project is 15%; however, the amount that is being requested in the FY 2015 general fund budget for grant match is \$178,840. An additional \$2,400 in program income will be provided by agencies and individuals who utilize the Senior Citizens Center. The total cost of operations for this project is \$265,070. Grant funds are used for personnel costs, utilities, travel, and other operating costs of the center.

Council authorization to submit the application and accept the award, if offered, is hereby requested, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2015.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Beth Mills, Commissioner of Social Services