



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

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Federal subaward for home-visiting services from the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) program for Fayette County residents FY25 & FY26

Request: Council authorization to accept a subaward of federal funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH) in the amount of \$733,100 for FY25 and FY26 Home Visiting Services at the Family Care Center.

Purpose of Request: The Family Care Center operates a home visitation program to address many of the limitations observed among existing prevention efforts aimed at low-income families and to create a system of support more responsive to emerging social and familial realities. The HANDS program provides home visitation services for high-risk families from birth of the first child up to age two. This program is based upon evidence that home visitation programs are effective in reducing child abuse and neglect.

The HANDS program is supported by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department of Public Health (DPH). The source of funds: Federal is Medicaid; a portion of Kentucky's tobacco settlement dollars are earmarked for HANDS; and the DPH state agency provides funding to support services for families with more than one child. This subaward will replace the HOME NETWORK program funded by a pass-through agreement with the Lexington- Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD). LFUCG will now be a direct subrecipient of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Fiscal year 2025 is considered a transition year partially funded by both entities - Commonwealth of Kentucky and LFCHD.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? HANDS home visiting is a "fee for service" program, in that LFUCG only receives funding for services that it delivers. For FY2025 and FY2026, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has allocated \$733,100 for operations of Home Visting Services. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon federal allocation as



follows: Federal - 9%, State Agency - 72% and Tobacco - 19%. No match is required. Funding for future budget years is dependent upon the availability of federal and state funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Shelia Horton-Holt/ Kacy Allen-Bryant

