



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

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

**DATE: MAY 2, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Submission of KY Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) grant for the  
Lexington Fire Department**

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit three separate applications to the 2022 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant requesting funds in the amount of \$316,617.93 to replace/purchase equipment for our Special Operations Team. The equipment is outlined below:

#1 FEMA Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist/Technical Search Specialist Course: \$52,777

#2 Utility Terrain Vehicle for Special Operations: \$39,840.93

#3 All Band All Hazards Radios: \$224,000

**Why are you requesting:**

The purpose of these projects are to enhance response capabilities within the Special Operations program that will also provide greater flexibility with more economical and sustainable platforms.

#1 The FEMA courses in Heavy Rigging and Technical Search will provide the additional classes that are needed to fill gaps in training that exist for Urban Search and Rescue. The Heavy Rigging course will train our Structural Collapse Specialists on how to lift and remove heavy debris from structures in order to locate victims. The Technical Search course will teach our members how to use the Delsar acoustic listening system to locate victims in confined spaces.

#2 The Utility Terrain Vehicle will be used by several disciplines within Special Operations. The Hazardous Materials Unit will use it to move equipment needed to monitor for Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Wildland Task Force will use it to assist in extinguishing wildland fires. The Urban Search and Rescue Team will use it to search for missing persons in woodland or open areas.



#3. All Bands All Hazards Radios will be used by Special Operations during deployments to be able to communicate with agencies outside of Lexington/Fayette County. These radios give us the capability to communicate on various bands and frequencies that other counties use across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**What will this cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

We will submit three separate KOHS applications requesting a total of \$316,617.93 in equipment for our Special Operations Team. If the grant is approved, funds in the amount of \$316,617.93 will be available. This grant does not require matching funds.

**Are funds budgeted:** A budget amendment will be completed if funding is awarded.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Wells/Armstrong



