



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: JANUARY 17, 2014

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN UNDER THE ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END
ABUSE IN LATER LIFE PROGRAM**

The LFUCG Department of Social Services in collaboration with community partners serving the victims of domestic violence and individuals in later life has prepared an application for submission of the U.S. Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women requesting \$400,000 in federal funds under the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program. No matching funds are required. The overall goal of this project will be to improve our community response to the victimization of older adults through training, collaboration and the development of services and interventions for early identification and stabilization. If approved for funding, the project will initially establish a multidisciplinary collaborative community response to victims of abuse in later life. The initial planning process is expected to take 12-18 months. The project will also include training opportunities to assist law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, judges, and victim service providers learn to recognize and address instances of elder abuse.

The application requires execution of a Memorandum of Understanding among the community partners. Along with the Department of Social Services, and Division of Police, this partnership includes the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, District Court, Family Court, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Greenhouse17 (formerly the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program), the Fayette County Domestic Violence Prevention Board, Fayette County Attorney, and Fayette County Commonwealth Attorney.

Council authorization to submit the application and to authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding by Mayor with community partners is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Beth Mills, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services