



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

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

**DATE: APRIL 12, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) FY2023 Applications for the  
Lexington Fire Department**

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit applications, and accept awards if offered, to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security under Homeland Security Grant Program for funding of \$330,598.33 to purchase equipment and conduct training for our Special Operations Team. No grant match is required.

**Why are you requesting:** The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides financial assistance to the states to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The states have the responsibility for apportioning funding to local governments. The equipment is outlined below:

#1 FEMA Structural Collapse Specialist Course at a cost of \$54,587.55. The FEMA Structural Collapse Specialist course will enhance mass search and rescue capabilities for our Urban Search and Rescue Team and other USAR teams across Kentucky through an eighty-hour training course.

#2 All-band, all-hazard portable radios and extra batteries at a cost of \$276,010.78. These portable radios will enhance our interoperability with other agencies when responding to out-of-county emergencies or special events. The Lexington Fire Department has responded to events and incidents across the Commonwealth where communications were a significant issue. These radios will allow us to communicate on various bands and frequencies that other counties use.

**What will this cost in this budget year and future budget years?** A total of \$330,598.33 is being requested for Fiscal Year 2024. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Budget amendments will be completed if approved for funding.



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