



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

Memorandum

To: James Brown, Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee Chair

From: Tyler Morton

Cc: Kelley Farley, Budget Research Analyst

Date: 10-7-25

Subject: FY2025 Council Fund Balance Project Proposal

Please allocate \$75,000 to Boy's and Girls Club Lexington Chapter. This request supports the start-up operations and youth programming for the newly established Boys & Girls Club Lexington Chapter, located in the Russell Cave Road corridor—a high-need area currently without access to structured, affordable after-school programming and youth programming. The program will initially serve 200 youth: 100 from Winburn Middle School and 100 from Bryan Station Middle School, both of which serve diverse and often under-resourced student populations in Lexington.

What:

The requested \$75,000 is a one time request and will fund critical operational and programmatic expenses including staffing, transportation, curriculum materials, meals/snacks, and administrative costs necessary to successfully launch and sustain the first year of programming. The Boys & Girls Club model offers evidence-based programs in academic support, mentorship, character development, career exploration, and health and wellness—creating a safe, nurturing space where young people can learn, grow, and thrive.

Why:

- **Addresses a Service Gap:** The Russell Cave Road area currently lacks after-school and youth engagement programming. This investment brings a proven national model directly into a community that needs it most, ensuring equitable access to enrichment opportunities.
- **Supports Working Families:** After-school care is a critical need for many households. This program provides a dependable, supervised environment during out-of-school hours, allowing parents and caregivers to maintain stable employment—directly contributing to economic stability for local families.
- **Improves Outcomes for Youth:** Boys & Girls Club programs are nationally recognized for reducing juvenile delinquency, increasing academic achievement, and strengthening emotional and social development. Establishing a Lexington chapter aligns with citywide goals for public safety, education equity, and youth empowerment.

- **Leverages Partnerships and Sustainability:** This seed funding will help the chapter secure matching dollars and grants from national Boys & Girls Club partners, local businesses, and philanthropic organizations. The \$75,000 investment signals local commitment and unlocks additional funding opportunities for long-term sustainability.
- **Strengthens Community Infrastructure:** Beyond programming, this chapter represents a community anchor—a trusted hub connecting schools, nonprofits, and local government around shared youth development goals.
- **High Return on Investment:** An initial \$75K contribution helps launch a program with the capacity to serve hundreds of students annually, create part-time and full-time jobs, and generate measurable improvements in family stability and youth outcomes.

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