



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton  
Urban County Council

FROM: Polly A Ruddick, Director, Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

CC: Sally Hamilton, CAO

DATE: August 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Fayette County Mental Health Court

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Request

Authorization to: execute an agreement with NAMI-Lexington (National Alliance on Mental Illness) providing ongoing funding for the Fayette County Mental Health Court in the amount not to exceed \$170,000.

Why are you requesting?

Department needs this action completed because: The 2013 report of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness included among its top recommendations support for the creation of a Mental Health Court in Lexington. This court is a diversion program similar to drug court which seeks to treat nonviolent offenders with mental illness as an alternative to incarceration. Clients will be referred to the court of District Judge John Tackett for the program where they will participate in intensive case management as part of their diversion.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$170,000

The cost for future FY is: \$0

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

The funds are budgeted or a budget amendment is in process:



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Director/Commissioner: Ruddick/Hamilton

