



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: AUGUST 7, 2017

SUBJECT: COACH Fellowship Grant Award

Request:

Council Authorization to accept award of \$700,000 from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust, for the planning and design of a civic fellowship for young African - American males. The COACH Fellowship (*Civic Outreach, Advocacy, and Cooperative Hiring*) initiative is built upon a partnership with Louisville Metro (THRIVE Fellowship); and Cities United, a national nonprofit organization committed to reducing violence.

Why are you requesting?

On May 11, 2017 (Resolution #289-2017), Council authorized the Department of Social Services to submit a grant application requesting grant funding from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust for the COACH Fellowship proposal. The objective of the COACH Fellowship initiative is to engineer resources for underserved African – American males (age 16-25). A key component is to build career pathways within LFUCG, and across the local public sector, for identified Fellows. In addition, COACH will help navigate the Fellows' trajectory away from criminal and high-risk behavior by offering intervening tools of employable skill training, positive social engagement & interpersonal development. The desired local outcome is 60 highly employable and civically engaged young African – American males.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? The grant award is \$700,000 over a 3 year period (*\$100,000 will be granted in Year 1; \$200,000 in Year 2; and \$400,000 in Year 3*). The acceptance of this award obligates the Urban County Government for the expenditure of \$225,000 in local in-kind match, which will be provided through existing personnel resources in the Department of Social Services. Grant funds will be used for project planning and design, job skill development, training stipends, local grassroots capacity building, case management services, program materials and operational supplies.

Are the funds budgeted? BA 8676 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford

