

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

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

DATE: JUNE 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Funds for Early Headstart & Head Start Program at the Family Care Center

Request: Council authorization to accept an award of federal funds from Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc. (CAC) in the amount of \$49,443.84 for the provision of early childhood care and education services; and \$30,000 for facility use by CAC beginning August 1, 2026 under the Early Head Start Program (EHS) at the Family Care Center for FY 2027. A 25% general fund local match in the amount of \$12,360.96 is required for the use of 4 classrooms, office and playground spaces in connection with EHS and Head Start services to be provided by CAC.

Purpose of Request: Community Action Council offered the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Family Services federal funds in the amount of \$49,443.84 for support of early childcare services and \$30,000 for facility use by CAC beginning August 1, 2026. Services to be provided include early childhood education, health services, social services, and parent involvement as outlined in the Early Head Start Program Performance Standards.

The Early Head Start and Head Start Programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families with the objective of promoting school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children. The program is authorized by the Head Start Act, as amended by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Public Law 110-134, 42 U.S.C 9801.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$49,443.84 awarded for Fiscal Year 2027 for childcare services. CAC will provide an additional sum of \$30,000 for facility use. Required local match of \$12,360.96. Total funds of \$91,804.80. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon the availability of grant funds.



Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Shelia Horton-Holt / Kacy Allen-Bryant

