



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

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

DATE: April 19, 2021

**SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security 2021 State Homeland Security Grant
Application for the Division of Fire**

Request: Council authorization to submit two separate applications to the 2021 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant program requesting \$121,846.50 to replace or purchase equipment for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services' Special Operations Team. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program. This 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 Division of Fire and Emergency Services is preparing two applications requesting funding to purchase equipment for the Special Operations Team. The equipment is outlined below:

1. Ten (10) self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with air cylinders: \$59,580. The SCBAs will provide necessary respiratory protection for Hazardous Materials response when operating in chemical-protective clothing. The current stock of SCBAs are beyond their service life and in need of replacement.
2. Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) for water/dive response: \$62,266.50. ROVs are unoccupied, highly maneuverable underwater machines used to explore waterways while being operated by someone at the surface. This will provide response units with a tool for searching waterways prior to deploying divers into the water. The ROV will be assigned to the Lexington Fire Department's Special Operations Bureau and will be available to local, state, and federal agencies for use.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? A total of \$121,846.50 in federal funds is requested for Fiscal Year 2022. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Funds will be budgeted if approved for funding.



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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

