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TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: June 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Amendment to the 2019 Consolidated Plan – Public Hearing on Thursday, June 24,

2021 at 6 p.m.

Request: Council authorization to approve and adopt a substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to move funding from one CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) project to another resulting in a net zero change. Unspent funds in the amount of \$251,662.08 from the RHISE rent assistance program will be reallocated to the Lexington Housing Authority to support Emergency Housing Vouchers.

Purpose of Request: A substantial amendment is proposed to the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to reallocate funding to allow for efficient spending of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received under the CARES Act for the purpose of preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus. Funding will be reallocated as follows:

Reduce funding for the following project:

- LFUCG Division of Community & Resident Services Rental Hardship to Impact Service Employees (RHISE) Program Direct rent assistance has shifted to other federal funds. Reallocate \$191,622.08 of unused funds.
- Bluegrass Community Action Partnership Elder Nutrition Program Funds returned, program not implemented. Reallocate \$60,000 of unused funds.

Increase funding for the following project:

• Lexington Housing Authority – Allocate \$251,662.08 to support an Emergency Voucher Program that houses people experiencing homelessness.

Net change is \$0.

In accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR Part 91.505 and the amended Citizen Participation Plan approved by Council on May 28, 2020 (Resolution 219-2020), these modifications require a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan. Substantial amendments require opportunities for citizen comment. Therefore, a public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

Cost in this budget year and future budget years: Funds will be reallocated within the existing budgets. There are no additional costs.

Are the funds budgeted? BA 11205 is in process.

File Number: 0592-21

Director/Commissioner: Lanter/Hamilton

