

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

OCTOBER 2, 2013

SUBJECT:

Request Council authorization to convey properties acquired by the LFUCG

under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program located at 569 Chestnut Street

and 438 Ohio Street to Fayette County Local Development Corporation

On June 25, 2009 (Ordinance No. 123-2009), Council approved the acceptance of federal funds from the Kentucky Department for Local Government under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for operation of a land banking project. This included the acquisition, disposal, and maintenance of distressed homes and demolition of blighted structures. The source of funds was the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds for this program were appropriated by Congress in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

In October 2011, the Division of Grants and Special Programs issued a request for applications from entities interested in new construction and rehabilitation of existing single family residential units in low-income census tracts for rental and homeownership for low- and moderate-income households. Fayette County Local Development Corporation requested properties located at 569 Chestnut Street and 438 Ohio Street. Delay in conveyance of these properties is due to compliance issues with the State Historic Preservation Officer. These issues have now been resolved.

On June 7, 2012 (Resolution No. 301-2012), Council approved execution of a development agreement with Fayette County Local Development Corporation (Lexington-Fayette County Urban League) for development and use of properties conveyed to Fayette County Local Development Corporation under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The organization will develop and maintain these properties as rental units for low-income households.

These properties will be conveyed to the organization for as low as \$1.00; however, the Kentucky Department for Local Government ultimately determines sales prices for properties. All net proceeds from sale of properties must be returned to the Kentucky Department for Local Government.

Council authorization to convey properties located at 569 Chestnut Street and 438 Ohio Street to Fayette County Local Development Corporation is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer