



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: MAY 23, 2014

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS TO THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND
SECURITY REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR VARIOUS
PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS UNDER THE 2014 STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded program, originating from the 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. All projects must be related to the Goals and Objectives of the State Homeland Security Strategy. No matching funds are required.

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services has prepared the following application:

Hazardous Material Detection and Mitigation Equipment: Funds are being requested for purchase of a TruDefender FT device. This device is a portable detection monitor which can quickly identify unknown released or spilled chemical agents so that effective mitigation can be undertaken to prevent life threatening injuries and damage to the environment. Project cost is \$57,500.

Tactical Medic Personal Protective Equipment: Funds are being requested for purchase of Tactical Medical response personal protective equipment for all sworn members of the Division of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. A vest and ballistic helmet with carrier will be provided to each individual. This equipment will provide protection for personnel going into hot zones so that care can safely be rendered to victims. Project cost is \$580,500.

The Division of Police has prepared the following applications:

Hazardous Devices Unit Funds are being requested to purchase OPS CORE Ballistic Helmets with Mandible. These units provide ballistic head and face protection for bomb technicians while conducting responses and disposal operations. The items will enhance officer safety by improving protection over the helmets currently in use which have surpassed manufacturer's recommended service life. Funds are requested for 10 units @ \$1,200. Total project cost is \$12,000.

Hazardous Devices Unit/Emergency Response Unit – for purchase of Air Purifying Respirators & Gas Masks. These Air Purifying Respirators (APR's) provide OSHA-compliant respiratory protection for officers responding to explosive and tactical incidents where filtered respiratory protection is required. Two types of masks are requested as the FM53 are compatible with self contained breathing apparatus systems which will be utilized by the Hazardous Devices Unit in conjunction with bomb suits. The remaining masks are for the Emergency Response Unit for use during critical incident response. The filters provide CBRN protection for both models of APR's. Funds in the amount of \$22,350 are being requested.

Emergency Response Unit – for purchase of Night Vision Goggles: Model AN/PVS-14 Gen3 PINNACLE MILSPEC. During a recent National Counter-IED Capabilities Assessment with a Security Specialist for the Office for Bombing Prevention and Protective Security Coordination with the Division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, it was determined that the Division's Emergency Response Unit was critically lacking in the area of night vision technology. The procurement of seven night vision units would enhance the Emergency Response Unit's capabilities in this specific area in order to aid in the units critical response capabilities to the community and in support of surrounding agencies. Funds in the amount of \$24,465 are being requested.

Air Support Unit – for purchase of Aviation Night Vision Goggles. The night vision equipment will enable the Aviation Unit to provide a more comprehensive response to critical operations in our region. The Lexington Division of Police Aviation Unit is a part-time unit whose goal is to provide safe and effective protection to the citizens of Lexington, Fayette County and the Central Kentucky Region. The Aviation Unit responds to requests from neighboring counties that the Division of Police routinely assist through mutual aid agreements; DEA, BATF, USSS, USMS, ICE and the FBI. It is, critical that personnel be equipped properly to deal with these events in a safe manner. Funds in the amount of \$19,610 are being requested

Council authorization to submit the applications is hereby requested.



Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety