



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

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

DATE: APRIL 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Kentucky Office of Homeland Security FY 2023 Applications for the Division of Police

Request:

Council authorization to submit an applications, and accept awards if offered, to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funds in the amount of \$544,277 for the Division of Police under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. 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 Homeland Security Grant Program. This federally funded 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 Police Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) is preparing an application for funding to purchase a new Hazardous Devices Unit Response Truck, two Med- Eng. Bomb Suits and one tactical x-ray generator at a cost of \$455,000. This truck would replace the Hazardous Devices Unit's main response truck that has been in service since 2002. In addition, HDU is preparing an application for funding to host two electronics-related training courses for certified bomb technicians or active members of FBI accredited bomb squads who are in an active training status at a cost of \$89,277. Both courses will provide hazardous devices technicians from across the Commonwealth with the skills and knowledge to mitigate threats associated with improvised explosive devices. Lodging costs are requested to cover those traveling from across the state, and are sufficient to cover both courses.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? A total of \$544,277 in federal funds is being requested for Fiscal Year 2024. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendments will be completed if approved for funding.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

