



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: JUNE 20, 2012

**SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS TO THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND
SECURITY REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR VARIOUS
PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS UNDER THE 2012 STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is accepting applications from local governments requesting federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2012 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:

Technical Rescue Project: for the purpose of enhancing Division of Fire and Emergency Services' rescue capabilities, the purchase of new search and rescue equipment or replacement of older equipment. The application includes a request for dive rescue equipment to improve safety for divers and to provide fore more flexible scalability options. The total of this project is \$94,920.

Structural Collapse Technician (SCT) certification training: class for 30 personnel that will include a 10 hour Train the Trainer component so that five more persons will be certified to instruct in this discipline. This insures SCT personnel can receive the required annual training necessary to maintain this certification in house, without the cost of bringing in outside instructors or attending classes in other states. This is an 80 hour course which results in FEMA SCT certification. SCT capability can be used in man made or natural disasters causing the collapse of one or many structures of varying size or construction type. It includes request for funds to cover overtime and backfill. The total of this project is \$53,788.

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The Division of Police has prepared the following applications:

Mobile Data Computer Project: Funds are requested for acquisition of new Mobile Data Computers and related equipment and software for the Division of Police and for computers and installation of equipment at law enforcement partner agencies, including Kentucky Horse Park Police, Bluegrass Airport Police, Transylvania University Police and Fayette County School Law Enforcement. Total cost of this project is \$709,660.

Radio Communications: Funds are requested for the purchase of 200 narrowband capable mobile radio units that will be used with the new P25 compliant 800MHz trunked radio system. Division of Police's first responders will be able to communicate effectively with fire, emergency management and other law enforcement officials not only from within this community but also from surrounding communities. Total cost of project is \$900,000.

Emergency Response Unit (ERU) Equipment Project: This project addresses the need to improve the capabilities of the Lexington ERU in responding to incidents that could produce serious or even fatal injury to officers, involved victims and suspects, or uninvolved members of the community. ERU needs to improve its capabilities in gathering intelligence to better assess the layout of buildings, homes, and terrain, as well as to determine the location of subjects/suspects and their access to weapons in advance of officers entering a potentially dangerous situation. Funds will be used to purchase night vision equipment and robotics equipment. Total cost of the project is \$23,000.

Hazardous Devices Unit—Training Grant: Funds are being requested to secure an Explosive Ordnance Training course for bomb technicians and tactical officers from the Kentucky Explosive Incident Response Task Force (KEIRTF) including Lexington Police, KSP, Owensboro Police, Louisville Police and Paducah Police. The training provides for recognition and disposal of recovered military ordnance. If approved, Lexington Division of Police will act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the group. Total cost of this project is \$55,000.

Hazardous Devices Unit Equipment Project: Funds are being requested for bomb squad equipment for Lexington Division of Police and for City of Paducah. Equipment includes a vehicle to serve as a prime mover for a total containment vessel and other equipment needed by the two squads for the storage and transportation of explosives used by the squads to perform safe disposal operations. Total cost of this project is \$87,600.

Council authorization to submit the applications is hereby requested.



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Xc: Clay Mason, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety