



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2015**

**SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit 2015 Consolidated Plan, accept awards of federal funds for Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, And Emergency Solutions Grants Program, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for FY 2016, and to authorize execution of agreements with subrecipients in accordance with approved plan**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application submission for jurisdictions receiving funds through HUD's Planning and Community Development programs. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to serve as the planning document for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's participation in these programs. The overall goal of the programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The proposed 2015 Consolidated Plan includes a housing market needs analysis and a five-year strategic plan along with the jurisdiction's goals and objectives for addressing housing and community development needs five-year period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. The 2015 Consolidated Plan also includes a one-year action plan providing for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships funds, and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds for Fiscal Year 2016 (the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) to address some of the identified problems.

Federal regulations require that an active citizens' participation process be used to identify needs and to recommend the allocation of these federal resources. Two required public hearings have been conducted for the purpose of soliciting citizen comment on the housing and non-housing needs of the low-income population and on the budgeting of these federal funds to address identified needs. Applications for ESG, HOME, and CDBG funds were accepted through a uniform application process. Application solicitation was available through the LFUCG web page for the convenience of agencies having an interest in Consolidated Plan funding. The applications received were reviewed by the staff of the Division of Grants and Special Programs. Their recommendations for funding were reviewed by staff of the Chief Administrative Officer. The proposed plan was made available for public comment as provided by the approved Citizens Participation Plan on March 13, 2015. The 30-day comment period expires on April 13, 2015. Written comments

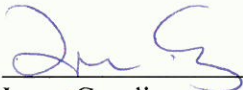
have been received from representatives of Volunteers of America, Kentucky requesting that Community Development Block Grant funds be restored to the Lexington Family Housing Program. No other written comments on the draft plan have been received.

The Action Plan describes how funds available through the three program areas will be allocated and spent.

PROGRAM	FEDERAL AMOUNT	LOCAL GENERAL FUND MATCH—FY 2016	IN-KIND MATCH FROM SUBRECIPIENTS	PROGRAM INCOME	TOTAL
CDBG	\$2,047,931			\$150,000	\$2,197,931
HOME	\$922,788	\$197,630		\$150,000	\$1,270,418
ESG	\$182,217	\$60,000	\$122,217		\$364,434
TOTALS	\$3,152,936.00	\$257,630.00	\$122,217	\$300,000	\$3,832,783.00

These funds will be expended on public improvements, housing rehabilitation, public services, a first-time Homebuyer program, development of homeownership units for low-income households, development of rental units for low-income populations, homeless prevention activities, operational support for emergency housing, and planning and administration activities. A list of projects as recommended for the Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME program, the Emergency Solutions Grants program.

Council authorization to submit the 2015 Consolidated Plan, with funding allocations as recommended herein, to accept the herein described federal funds, subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2016, and to execute written agreements in accordance with the approved plan is hereby requested.



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Director

Attachment: 2016 Consolidated Plan Project Recommendations

Xc: Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer