



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Accept grants for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services from the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program

Request: Council authorization to accept two grant awards from the 2020 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Program in the total amount of \$44,280 to replace/purchase equipment for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services' Special Operations Team. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: On May 16, 2019 (Resolution 269-2019), Council authorized the submission of grant applications to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting federal funding from the Fiscal Year 2020 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 Fire and Emergency Services was awarded two grants to replace/purchase equipment for the Special Operations Team. The equipment is outlined below:

1. Infrared spectrometer for chemical detection: \$34,965
2. FL 360 search camera for structural collapse/confined space rescue: \$9,315

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? A total of \$44,280 in federal funds was awarded for Fiscal Year 2020. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget Amendments 10361 and 10362 are in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Chilton/Armstrong

