PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement"), made and entered into on the ____th day of August, 2024, by and between the LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, an urban county government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky created pursuant to KRS chapter 67A (hereinafter "Government"), 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, on behalf of its Department of Social Services (hereinafter "Sponsor"), and, THE NATHANIEL MISSION with offices located 1109 Versailles Road, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40508, (hereinafter "Organization").

WITNESSETH

That for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein expressed, the Government and the Organization agree as follows:

- This Agreement shall include the following additional documents, which are attached hereto as exhibits and incorporated herein by reference as if fully stated:
 - A. Exhibit A RFP #19-2021
 - B. Exhibit B Organization's Response to RFP #19-2024
 - C. Exhibit C RFP #20-2021
 - D. Exhibit D Organization's Response to RFP #20-2024
- 2. Government hereby retains Organization for the period beginning on **July 1**, **2024**, and continuing for a period of two (2) years from that date unless within that period Government gives the Organization thirty (30) days written notice of termination of this Agreement in which case this Agreement shall terminate thirty (30) days from the date notice is given to the Organization.
- 3. Government shall pay Organization the sum of **One Hundred Thousand 00/100 Dollars** (\$100,000) for Fiscal Year 2025 and **One Hundred Thousand 00/100**

Dollars (\$100,000) for Fiscal Year 2026 for the services required by this Agreement, said services being more particularly described in Exhibits A and B, one-fourth (1/4th) of which shall be payable in September 2024 or shortly thereafter upon receipt of an invoice (for July through December 2024), with one-eighth (1/8th) payable each quarter thereafter upon submission of a quarterly invoice and a detailed quarterly program report. Quarterly invoices and detailed program reports shall be submitted by January 17th, 2025, April 18th, 2025, July 25th, 2025, October 17th, 2025, January 16th, 2026, and April 17th, 2026. A two-year-end program report shall be submitted by July 24th, 2026. Reports shall reflect the services and programs directly related to the funding provided by Lexington Fayette Urban County Government with emphasis on measurable outcomes, and specifically outlined in the funding application. Forms for both the quarterly financial and program reports will be provided.

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- 4. In the event of termination of this Agreement by Government as provided for in paragraph 2 above, Organization shall be entitled to that portion of total compensation due under this Agreement as the service rendered bears to the service required herein.
- 5. Organization shall perform all duties and services included in Exhibits attached hereto faithfully and satisfactorily at the time, place and for the duration prescribed herein. Compensation paid pursuant to this Agreement shall be used exclusively for the services set forth in Exhibits A and Band for no other purpose. Any alteration in the nature of such services and duties constitutes an amendment to this Agreement and must be in writing signed by both parties. Organization shall keep itself fully informed of all federal and state laws and all municipal ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the work or performance of this Agreement, and shall at all times observe and comply with such laws, ordinances and regulations, whether or not such laws, ordinances or regulations are mentioned herein, and

Organization shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Government, its 6. elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, volunteers, and successors in interest, from and against any and all liability, damages, and losses, including but not limited to: demands, claims, liens, suits, notices of violation from governmental agencies, obligations, causes of action, judgments, penalties, fines, liens, costs, expenses, interest, defense costs and reasonable attorney's fees that are in any way incidental to or connected with, or that arise or are alleged to have arisen, directly or indirectly, from or by Organization's performance of or breach of this Agreement and/or the provision of goods or services, provided that (a) it is attributable to personal injury, bodily injury, sickness, or death, or to injury to or destruction of property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom), or to or from the negligent acts, errors or omissions or willful misconduct of the Organization; and (b) not caused solely by willful misconduct of the Government. The Parties understand and agree that the Organization's obligation to defend the Government includes the obligation to investigate, handle, respond to, resist, provide a defense for, and defend claims, at Organization's expense, using attorneys approved in writing by the Government, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Parties also understand and agree that the Organization's obligation to indemnify includes, but is not limited to: attorney fees and expenses, costs of litigation, court and administrative costs, expert witness fees and expenses, judgments, fines, penalties, interest, all environmental cleanups and remediation costs of whatever kind, and any liability arising from death, injury, or damage of any kind, to any person, including employees and agents of Organization and Government, and damage to, or destruction of, any property, including the property of Government. This provision shall in no way be limited by any financial responsibility or insurance requirements, and shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Organization understands that Government is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and acknowledges and agrees that

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the Government is unable to provide indemnity or otherwise save, hold harmless, or defend the Organization in any manner.

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- 7. Organization represents that it has filed all federal, state and local income tax returns required by law in the legally prescribed time and manner. This Agreement shall not become effective unless and until copies of all of the executed originals of the aforementioned tax returns filed for the Organization have been registered for the current tax year by the Organization in the office of the Sponsor, and the Organization shall not be compensated unless and until such registration has taken place.
- 8. The Organization shall, on such forms as the Sponsor shall provide, submit to Sponsor an annual report and financial statement which summarize the previous year's activities regarding the services enumerated in Exhibits A & B attached hereto.
- 9. Books of accounts shall be kept by the Organization and entries shall be made therein of all money, goods, effects, debts, sales, purchases, receipts, payments and any other transactions of the Organization. The books of accounts, together with all bonds, notes, bills, letters and other writings belonging to the Organization, shall be maintained at the principal place of business of the Organization as set forth in this Agreement. Government shall have free and complete access to the books, papers and affairs of the Organization, that relate to the performance of this Agreement, at all reasonable times, and if it desires, it may have the books and papers of the Organization, that relate to the performance of this Agreement, audited and examined by auditors, accountants or attorneys. Any examination shall be at the expense of the Government.
- 10. Government may designate such persons as may be necessary to monitor and evaluate the services rendered by the Organization. The Government, its agents and employees, shall, at all times, have unrestricted access to all places where or in which the services required hereunder are being carried on and conducted. Inspection and monitoring

of the work by these authorities shall in no manner be presumed to relieve in any degree the responsibility or obligations of Organization, nor to constitute the Organization as an agent of the Government.

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- 11. Organization shall provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, shall prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age, and shall cause each of its subcontracting agencies to do so. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices.
- 12. Organization shall adopt a written sexual harassment policy, which shall, at a minimum, contain a statement of current law; a list of prohibited behaviors; a complaint process; and a procedure which provides for a confidential investigation of all complaints. The policy shall be given to all employees and clients and shall be posted at all locations where Organization conducts business. The policy shall be submitted to Sponsor for review within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement.
- 13. This instrument, and additional documents attached hereto, contains the entire agreement between the parties, and no statement, promises or inducements made by either party or agent of either party that is not contained in this written Agreement shall be valid and binding; and this Agreement may not be enlarged, modified or altered except in writing signed by the parties and endorsed hereon.
- 14. Organization agrees that it shall apply all funds received by it from the Urban County Government in accordance with the following investment policy guidelines:
 - A. Objectives: Capital preservation with surety of income. Reasonable competitive income consistent with high investment quality and purpose of funds. All investments shall conform with state and local law and regulations and these policies.
 - B. Investment Funds Management: The governing board may elect to either:

- (1) Manage its investment through its executive director where the size or complexity of funds to be managed is deemed by the board to be within the training, expertise and/or available time capacity of the executive director and the operating staff; or
- (2) Utilize the professional investment management facilities of a local bank trust department acting in a fiduciary capacity within the same approved investment policies and federal, state, local and trust laws and regulation. The trust department may utilize its regular short-term one hundred percent (100%) US Treasury Fund for daily funds investment.

The election of option 1 or 2 should be made consistent with the relative cost incurred and in the case of option 2 the cost shall be competitive among local trust departments.

- C. Investment Policies - Safety and Prudence.
 - (1) Short-term liquidity funds shall be invested in "riskless" investment, i.e., deposits in Kentucky commercial banks or savings and loan associations that are fully federally insured or deposits collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities with a current market value of at least one hundred percent (100%), or in direct obligations of U.S. Treasury securities.

Investments shall be diversified according to maturity in order to meet projected cash flow needs.

Collateral pledged to secure uninsured deposits shall be held at a federal reserve bank with the receipt providing absolute control by the agency.

- (2) Retirement funds, endowment funds, long-term capital reserve funds and any other special funds may be held and invested by a local bank trust department under investment objectives and diversification in accordance with the individual nature of the funds and pursuant to the "prudent man" investment rule as well as general trust law.
- (3) All investments shall be reviewed monthly by a finance or investment committee of the agency.
- (4) Local brokerage firms may hold and invest funds provided that investments are located within Kentucky and are full insured.
- D. Audit - All investments shall be audited at least annually by independent certified public accountant who shall express an opinion as to whether or not investments during the year audited have conformed with state and local law and regulation and with the approved investment policies.

15. Notice – Any written notice required by the Agreement shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following:

For Organization:

THE NATHANIEL MISSION 1109 VERSAILLES RD. SUITE 400 LEXINGTON, KY 40508

Attn: DANIEL BAER

For Government:

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Gov.

200 East Main Street

Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Attn: Kacy Allen-Bryant, Commissioner Department of Social Services

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement at Lexington, Kentucky, the day and year first above written.

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

THE NATHANIEL MISSION

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Linda Gorton, Mayor

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Urban

County Council

Exhibit A



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Request for Proposals

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for #19-2024 Childhood & Youth Development – Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program to be provided in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications established herein.

Sealed proposals will be received through Ion Wave until **2:00 PM**, prevailing local time, on **April 25, 2024**. All forms and information requested in RFP #19-2024 must be included and attached in Response Attachments tab in Ion Wave.

Proposals received after the date and time set for opening proposals will not be accepted. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to assure that his/her proposal is submitted in Ion Wave before the date and time set for opening proposals.

Proposals, once submitted, may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities when such waiver is determined by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to be in its best interest.

Signature of this proposal by the Proposer constitutes acceptance by the Proposer of terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein.

Minor exceptions may not eliminate the proposal. Any exceptions to the specifications established herein shall be listed in detail on a separate sheet and attached hereto. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government shall determine whether any exception is minor.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government encourages the participation of minority- and women-owned businesses in Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government contracts. This proposal is subject to Affirmative Action requirements attached hereto.

Please do not contact any LFUCG staff member or any other person involved in the selection process other than the designated contact person(s) regarding the project contemplated under this RFP while this RFP is open and a selection has not been finalized. Any attempt to do so may result in disqualification of the firm's submittal for consideration.

Laws and Regulations

All applicable state laws, municipal ordinances and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the contract, and shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Entity (regardless of whether construction contractor, non-construction contractor or supplier) agrees to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation or gender identity), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, political affiliation, or veteran status, and to promote equal employment through a positive, continuing program from itself and each of its sub-contracting agents. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices.

Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act

The Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1978 (KRS 45.560-45.640) requires that any "county, city, town, school district, water district, hospital district, or other political subdivision of the state shall include in directly or indirectly publicly funded contracts for supplies, materials, services, or equipment hereinafter entered into the following provisions:

"During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
- (2) The contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractors that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
- (3) The contractor will post notices in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, setting forth the provision of the nondiscrimination clauses required by this section; and
- (4) The contractor will send a notice to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding advising the labor union or workers'

representative of the contractor's commitments under the nondiscrimination clauses."

The Act further provides:

"KRS 45.610. Hiring minorities -- Information required

- (1) For the length of the contract, each contractor shall hire minorities from other sources within the drawing area, should the union with which he has collective bargaining agreements be unwilling to supply sufficient minorities to satisfy the agreed upon goals and timetables.
- (2) Each contractor shall, for the length of the contract, furnish such information as required by KRS 45.560 to KRS 45.640 and by such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to all books and records pertaining to his employment practices and work sites by the contracting agency and the department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with KRS 45.560 to 45.640 and such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto.

KRS 45.620. Action against contractor — Hiring of minority contractor or subcontractor

- (1) If any contractor is found by the department to have engaged in an unlawful practice under this chapter during the course of performing under a contract or subcontract covered under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the department shall so certify to the contracting agency and such certification shall be binding upon the contracting agency unless it is reversed in the course of judicial review.
- (2) If the contractor is found to have committed an unlawful practice under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the contracting agency may cancel or terminate the contract, conditioned upon a program for future compliance approved by the contracting agency and the department. The contracting agency may declare such a contractor ineligible to bid on further contracts with that agency until such time as the contractor complies in full with the requirements of KRS 45.560 to 45.640.
- (3) The equal employment provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 may be met in part by a contractor by subcontracting to a minority contractor or subcontractor. For the provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640, a minority contractor or subcontractor shall mean a business that is owned and controlled by one or more persons disadvantaged by racial or ethnic circumstances.

KRS 45.630 Termination of existing employee not required, when

Any provision of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 notwithstanding, no contractor shall be required to terminate an existing employee upon proof that employee was employed prior to the date of the contract.

KRS 45.640 Minimum skills

Nothing in KRS 45.560 to 45.640 shall require a contractor to hire anyone who fails to demonstrate the minimum skills required to perform a particular job."

It is recommended that all of the provisions above quoted be included as special conditions in each contract. In the case of a contract exceeding \$250,000, the contractor is required to furnish evidence that his workforce in Kentucky is representative of the available work-force in the area from which he draws employees, or to supply an Affirmative Action plan which will achieve such representation during the life of the contract.

LFUCG Non-Appropriation Clause

Contractor acknowledges that the LFUCG is a governmental entity, and the contract validity is based upon the availability of public funding under the authority of its statutory mandate.

In the event that public funds are unavailable and not appropriated for the performance of the LFUCG's obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically expire without penalty to the LFUCG thirty (30) days after written notice to Contractor of the unavailability and non-appropriation of public funds. It is expressly agreed that the LFUCG shall not activate this non-appropriation provision for its convenience or to circumvent the requirements of this contract, but only as an emergency fiscal measure during a substantial fiscal crisis, which affects generally its governmental operations.

In the event of a change in the LFUCG's statutory authority, mandate and mandated functions, by state and federal legislative or regulatory action, which adversely affects the LFUCG's authority to continue its obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically terminate without penalty to the LFUCG upon written notice to Contractor of such limitation or change in the LFUCG's legal authority.

Contention Process

Vendors who respond to this invitation have the right to file a notice of contention associated with the RFP process or to file a notice of appeal of the recommendation made by the Director of Procurement resulting from this invitation.

Notice of contention with the RFP process must be filed within 3 business days of the bid/proposal opening by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support contention, to the Director of the Division of Procurement or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Procurement to explain his/her

contention with the RFP process. After consulting with the Commissioner of Finance the Chief Administrative Officer and reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor, the Director of Procurement shall promptly respond in writing findings as to the compliance with RFP processes. If, based on this review, a RFP process irregularity is deemed to have occurred the Director of Procurement will consult with the Commissioner of Finance, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Law as to the appropriate remedy.

Notice of appeal of a RFP recommendation must be filed within 3 business days of the RFP recommendation by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support appeal, to the Director, Division of Procurement or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Procurement to explain his appeal. After reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor and consulting with the Commissioner of Finance and the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Procurement shall in writing, affirm or withdraw the recommendation.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1.	Pro	gram Proposal & Design		
	1.1	Needs Statement		15
	1.2	Service Delivery Model		15
	1.3	Client Eligibility & Requirements		5
	1.4	Evidence-Based/Best Practice		10
				Subtotal 45
2.	Pro	gram Measures & Evaluation		
	2.1	Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes		10
	2.2	Client Empowerment & Community Impact		10
	5.3	Data Assessment & Quality Improvement		10
				Subtotal 30
3.	Cap	acity & Sustainability		
	5.3.	1 Staff Qualifications & Experience		5
		2 Partnership & Resource Leverage		5
	5.3.3	3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy		15
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Proposals shall contain the appropriate information necessary to evaluate based on these criteria. A committee composed of government employees as well as representatives of relevant user groups will evaluate the proposals.

The LFUCG reserves the right to request clarification of any proposal from prospective vendors, or to interview any vendor to further discuss their submitted proposal. The LFUCG further reserves the right to select more than one vendor as a preliminary finalist that will be required to make an oral presentation to the LFUCG. The LFUCG reserves the right to amend its final scoring of the proposals based upon information provided

during such a presentation as long as the proposal does not materially differ from the written proposal submitted by the vendor.

Questions shall be submitted via lonWave at: https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net

Affirmative Action Plan

All vendors must submit as a part of the proposal package the following items to the Urban County Government:

- Affirmative Action Plan for his/her firm;
- 2. Current Work Force Analysis Form;

Failure to submit these items as required may result in disqualification of the submitter from award of the contract. All submissions should be directed to:

Director, Division of Procurement Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government 200 East Main Street, 3rd Floor Lexington, Kentucky 40507

All questions regarding this proposal must be directed to the Division of Procurement, (859)-258-3320.

AFFIDAVIT

Comes the Afriant, THE NATHANIEL MISSION, and after being first
duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury as follows:
1. His/her name is <u>DANIEL BAER</u> and he/she is the individual submitting the proposal or is the authorized representative of <u>THE NATHANIEL MISSION</u> , the entity submitting the proposal (hereinafter referred to as "Proposer").
Proposer will pay all taxes and fees, which are owed to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government at the time the proposal is submitted, prior to award of the contract and will maintain a "current" status in regard to those taxes and fees during the life of the contract.
 Proposer will obtain a Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government business license, if applicable, prior to award of the contract.
4. Proposer has authorized the Division of Procurement to verify the above-mentioned information with the Division of Revenue and to disclose to the Urban County Council that taxes and/or fees are delinquent or that a business license has not been obtained.
5. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the past five (5) years and the award of a contract to the Proposer will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.
6. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of Chapter 25 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances, known as "Ethics Act."

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7. Proposer acknowledges that "knowingly" for purposes of this Affidavit means, with respect to conduct or to circumstances described by a statute or ordinance defining an offense, that a person is aware or should have been aware that his conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

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COUNTY OF	Fryette

My Commission expires: 09/29/2026

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGREEMENT

Standard Title VI Assurance

The Lexington Fayette-Urban County Government, (hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient") hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, (49 CFR, Part 21) Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Program of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") and other pertinent directives, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age (over 40), religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, including the Federal Highway Administration, and hereby gives assurance that will promptly take any necessary measures to effectuate this agreement. This assurance is required by subsection 21.7(a) (1) of the Regulations.

The Law

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (amended 1972) states that it is unlawful for an employer to discriminate in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age (40-70 years) or national origin.
- Executive Order No. 11246 on Nondiscrimination under Federal contract prohibits employment discrimination by contractor and sub-contractor doing business with the Federal Government or recipients of Federal funds. This order was later amended by Executive Order No. 11375 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap.

- Section 2012 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1973 requires Affirmative Action on behalf of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era by contractors having Federal contracts.
- Section 206(A) of Executive Order 12086, Consolidation of Contract Compliance Functions for Equal Employment Opportunity, states:

The Secretary of Labor may investigate the employment practices of any Government contractor or sub-contractor to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in Section 202 of this order have been violated.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government practices Equal Opportunity in recruiting, hiring and promoting. It is the Government's intent to affirmatively provide employment opportunities for those individuals who have previously not been allowed to enter into the mainstream of society. Because of its importance to the local Government, this policy carries the full endorsement of the Mayor, Commissioners, Directors and all supervisory personnel. In following this commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity and because the Government is the benefactor of the Federal funds, it is both against the Urban County Government policy and illegal for the Government to let contracts to companies which knowingly or unknowingly practice discrimination in their employment practices. Violation of the above mentioned ordinances may cause a contract to be canceled and the contractors may be declared ineligible for future consideration.

Please sign this statement in the appropriate space acknowledging that you have read and understand the provisions contained herein. Return this document as part of your application packet.

Bidders

I/We agree to comply with the Civil Rights Laws listed above that govern employment rights of minorities, women, Vietnam veterans, handicapped and aged persons.

Signature

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Name of Business

Name of Organization: THE NATHANIEL MISSION

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Prepared by: DAN BAER, EXEL DIRECTOR Date: 4 123 124

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Firm Submitting Proposal: THE NATHANIEL MISSION
Complete Address: NOR VERSAIUES RD, SUITE 400, LEXINETON 40508 Street City Zip
Contact Name: DAN BAER Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Telephone Number: 859-255-0062Fax Number:
Email address:dback@ nathanielmission.com

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Each Respondent shall comply with all Federal, State & Local regulations concerning this type of service or good.

The Respondent agrees to comply with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing safe and healthful working conditions, including the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 650 et. seq., as amended, and KRS Chapter 338. The Respondent also agrees to notify the LFUCG in writing immediately upon detection of any unsafe and/or unhealthful working conditions at the job site. The Respondent agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the LFUCG harmless from all penalties, fines or other expenses arising out of the alleged violation of said laws.

- 2. Failure to submit ALL forms and information required in this RFP may be grounds for disqualification.
- 3. Addenda: All addenda and IonWave Q&A, if any, shall be considered in making the proposal, and such addenda shall be made a part of this RFP. Before submitting a proposal, it is incumbent upon each proposer to be informed as to whether any addenda have been issued, and the failure to cover in the bid any such addenda may result in disqualification of that proposal.
- 4. Proposal Reservations: LFUCG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award in whole or part, and to waive minor immaterial defects in proposals. LFUCG may consider any alternative proposal that meets its basic needs.
- 5. Liability: LFUCG is not responsible for any cost incurred by a Respondent in the preparation of proposals.
- 6. Changes/Alterations: Respondent may change or withdraw a proposal at any time prior to the opening; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Only letters, or other formal written requests for modifications or corrections of a previously submitted proposal which is addressed in the same manner as the proposal, and received by LFUCG prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals, will be accepted. The proposal, when opened, will then be corrected in accordance with such written request(s), provided that the written request is contained in a sealed envelope which is plainly marked "modifications of proposal".
- 7. Clarification of Submittal: LFUCG reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bid or to obtain additional information from a Respondent.
- 8. Bribery Clause: By his/her signature on the bid, Respondent certifies that no employee of his/hers, any affiliate or Subcontractor, has bribed or attempted to bribe an officer or employee of the LFUCG.

- 9. Additional Information: While not necessary, the Respondent may include any product brochures, software documentation, sample reports, or other documentation that may assist LFUCG in better understanding and evaluating the Respondent's response. Additional documentation shall not serve as a substitute for other documentation which is required by this RFP to be submitted with the proposal,
- 10. Ambiguity, Conflict or other Errors in RFP: If a Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, it shall immediately notify LFUCG of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document if allowable by the LFUCG.
- 11. Agreement to Bid Terms: In submitting this proposal, the Respondent agrees that it has carefully examined the specifications and all provisions relating to the work to be done attached hereto and made part of this proposal. By acceptance of a Contract under this RFP, proposer states that it understands the meaning, intent and requirements of the RFP and agrees to the same. The successful Respondent shall warrant that it is familiar with and understands all provisions herein and shall warrant that it can comply with them. No additional compensation to Respondent shall be authorized for services or expenses reasonably covered under these provisions that the proposer omits from its Proposal.
- 12. Cancellation: If the services to be performed hereunder by the Respondent are not performed in an acceptable manner to the LFUCG, the LFUCG may cancel this contract for cause by providing written notice to the proposer, giving at least thirty (30) days notice of the proposed cancellation and the reasons for same. During that time period, the proposer may seek to bring the performance of services hereunder to a level that is acceptable to the LFUCG, and the LFUCG may rescind the cancellation if such action is in its best interest.

A. Termination for Cause

- (1) LFUCG may terminate a contract because of the contractor's failure to perform its contractual duties
- (2) If a contractor is determined to be in default, LFUCG shall notify the contractor of the determination in writing, and may include a specified date by which the contractor shall cure the identified deficiencies. LFUCG may proceed with termination if the contractor fails to cure the deficiencies within the specified time.
- (3) A default in performance by a contractor for which a contract may be terminated shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:
 - (a) Failure to perform the contract according to its terms, conditions and specifications;
 - (b) Failure to make delivery within the time specified or according

- to a delivery schedule fixed by the contract;
- (c) Late payment or nonpayment of bills for labor, materials, supplies, or equipment furnished in connection with a contract for construction services as evidenced by mechanics' liens filed pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 376, or letters of indebtedness received from creditors by the purchasing agency;
- (d) Failure to diligently advance the work under a contract for construction services;
- (e) The filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the contractor; or
- (f) Actions that endanger the health, safely or welfare of the LFUCG or its citizens.

B. At Will Termination

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the LFUCG may terminate this contract at will in accordance with the law upon providing thirty (30) days written notice of that intent, Payment for services or goods received prior to termination shall be made by the LFUCG provided these goods or services were provided in a manner acceptable to the LFUCG. Payment for those goods and services shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 13. Assignment of Contract: The contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the Contract without the express written consent of LFUCG. Any purported assignment or subcontract in violation hereof shall be void. It is expressly acknowledged that LFUCG shall never be required or obligated to consent to any request for assignment or subcontract; and further that such refusal to consent can be for any or no reason, fully within the sole discretion of LFUCG.
- 14. No Waiver: No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder, nor any single or partial exercise thereof, nor the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver hereof or thereof. No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of this Contract shall affect the rights, remedies, powers or privileges of LFUCG hereunder or shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 15. Authority to do Business: The Respondent must be a duly organized and authorized to do business under the laws of Kentucky. Respondent must be in good standing and have full legal capacity to provide the services specified under this Contract. The Respondent must have all necessary right and lawful authority to enter into this Contract for the full term hereof and that proper corporate or other action has been duly taken authorizing the Respondent to enter into this Contract. The Respondent will provide LFUCG with a copy of a corporate resolution authorizing this action and a letter from an attorney confirming that the proposer is authorized to do business in the State of Kentucky if requested. All proposals must

be signed by a duly authorized officer, agent or employee of the Respondent.

- Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance 16. with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any proceedings regarding this Contract, the Parties agree that the venue shall be the Fayette County Circuit Court or the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Lexington Division. All parties expressly consent to personal jurisdiction and venue in such Court for the limited and sole purpose of proceedings relating to this Contract or any rights or obligations arising thereunder. Service of process may be accomplished by following the procedures prescribed by law.
- Ability to Meet Obligations: Respondent affirmatively states that there are no 17. actions, suits or proceedings of any kind pending against Respondent or, to the knowledge of the Respondent, threatened against the Respondent before or by any court, governmental body or agency or other tribunal or authority which would. if adversely determined, have a materially adverse effect on the authority or ability of Respondent to perform its obligations under this Contract, or which question the legality, validity or enforceability hereof or thereof.
- Contractor understands and agrees that its employees, agents, or subcontractors 18. are not employees of LFUCG for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor is an independent contractor at all times during the performance of the services specified.
- If any term or provision of this Contract shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, 19. the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken.
- Contractor [or Vendor or Vendor's Employees] will not appropriate or make use of 20. the Lexington-Favette Urban County Government (LFUCG) name or any of its trade or service marks or property (including but not limited to any logo or seal), in any promotion, endorsement, advertisement, testimonial or similar use without the prior written consent of the government. If such consent is granted LFUCG reserves the unilateral right, in its sole discretion, to immediately terminate and revoke such use for any reason whatsoever. Contractor agrees that it shall cease and desist from any unauthorized use immediately upon being notified by LFUCG.



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Request for Proposals

Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program Priority Area: Childhood & Youth Development

Purpose

Each fiscal year the Mayor and Urban County Council allocate funds for use by selected 501(c)(3) non-profit partner agencies through the Department of Social Services' Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (hereinafter referred to as "LFUCG") has historically partnered with non-profit agencies for the purpose of providing priority social services to supplement and support the work of the Urban County Government. These agencies are diverse in their missions and work plans and provide services to the most vulnerable populations in our community.

Eligibility

- Eligible Responders shall be a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a physical presence in Lexington-Fayette County
- Responders shall be registered and have a current, complete Gold Seal of Transparency or higher level agency portrait on GuideStar.org.
- ESR funds cannot be used to teach, advance, advocate or promote any religion
- Be located in and/or serve Fayette County residents with ESR funds in Fayette County
- Applying organization agrees to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws
- Agencies that are primarily affiliated with, or funded through, an educational institution (e.g., a public or private school or the Fayette County Board of Education) are not eligible to receive funds.

Instructions

Please follow the attached instructions and submit all required forms no later than the deadline indicated below:

Proposal Deadline – 2:00 PM EST April 25th, 2024.

Proposals received after this deadline or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION & SCOPE

1.1 Background

Each fiscal year the Mayor and Urban County Council allocate funds for use by selected 501(c)(3) non-profit partner agencies through the Department of Social Services' Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program.

This grant cycle shall cover Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026), and will award grants between the four Funding Priorities, which each have separate required Proposal Submittals and criteria, and awarded on an approximate scale, listed below.

Funding Priority Area: Childhood & Youth Development

Projected funding target is approximately \$660,000 of total ESR Grant Program Community Based Initiatives Award. This amount is subject to change upon Council ratification of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

LFUCG seeks to strengthen and enhance **Childhood and Youth Development** by supporting programs and services for early childhood through teenage populations (birth through 18 years old). These programs would include, but not be limited to: **addressing student learning loss (specifically kindergarten through 12th grade), youth violence prevention, and mentorship. LFUCG intends to award grants for priority-rated programs and services based on documentation of marginalized client populations and articulated individual and community outcomes. The program should utilize best practices and evidence-based models when engaging, assessing, intervening, and terminating services with underserved population groups.**

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Purpose

The LFUCG is accepting applications from qualified non-governmental, non-profit agencies with current <u>501(c)3</u> tax exempt status and with a physical business or program site location in Fayette County (hereinafter, referred to as "Applicant") ESR funding for FY2025 & 2026 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026). This funding is intended to support agency <u>programs</u> which respond to the <u>funding priorities</u> established herein. THIS FUNDING IS <u>NOT</u> INTENDED TO SUPPORT GENERAL AGENCY OPERATIONS, other than overhead required to support the subject program.

2.2 Funding Period

The funding period is from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

2.3 **ESR Grant Informational Workshop**

The Department of Social Services conducted a meeting on March 26th, 2024 that provided potential proposers with an overview of the proposal and review process, instructions on completing the RFP, and presentation of funding priorities.

2.4 Proposal Submission

All Submissions must be uploaded to the LFUCG procurement website at https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net by April 25th before 2:00 PM EST. The Submission shall include an enclosed form that shall contain the required documents and respond to one or more established funding priorities.

Proposal submissions containing significant omissions of required information will be considered non-responsive and removed from the RFP funding process on the application deadline date (April 25th, 2024). Significant missing responses to questions constitute an incomplete application. The final decision regarding application completeness and penalties will be determined by the LFUCG Division of

Procurement in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services. All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no follow-up or clarifications to proposer's Proposal Submittal Form once the evaluation process begins.

Do not include additional documents or attachments with the Proposal Submittal Form, such as brochures or letters of support. These will be discarded.

If your agency is submitting a proposal for the funding of more than one program in a single priority area, please note that they <u>must be included in a single Proposal Submittal completed and submitted for that priority area RFP. Only one Proposal Submittal per agency per priority area will be accepted. Agencies/Organizations may submit only ONE Proposal Submittal per proposed program in all priority areas.</u>

<u>Submitted Proposal shall be comprised of the attached PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form. This form must be submitted in the original PDF form, and NOT be a scanned version of the original form.</u>

2.5 Acceptance/Rejection of Submissions

The LFUCG reserves the right to reject any proposals which may be considered irregular, show serious omissions, contain unauthorized alteration of the Proposal Submittal form, or are incomplete.

The LFUCG reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications in whole or in part, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, to implement scoring penalties, or to accept applications or portions thereof which, in the Urban County Government's judgment, best serve the interests of Urban County Government.

In evaluating whether to ultimately award funding to an agency, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government may consider how much funding, if any, an agency has previously received from LFUCG during the same funding cycle, and reserves the right to not fund, or to reduce the amount of funding that an agency might otherwise receive, based upon such an evaluation.

All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no follow-up or clarifications to proposer's Proposal Submittal Form once the evaluation process begins.

2.6 Inquiries/Questions

After thoroughly reading this Request for Proposals, Applicants must direct any questions to:

Todd Slatin, Director

Division of Procurement 200 E. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507

E-mail: tslatin@lexingtonky.gov Phone: (859) 258-3320

Deadline for questions is April 22nd, 2024 at 2:00 PM EST

3.0 FUNDING PROCESS

3.1 Timeline

This Request for Proposals is being released on March 28th, 2024, and is made available to the public and all potentially eligible applicants. An informational and question and answer meeting will be held on Zoom on April 18th, 2024 at 3 PM EST

Click here to Join Technical Q&A Zoom Meeting

https://bit.ly/ESR25TechQA

Meeting ID: 865 6201 4467

Passcode: 781099

This meeting will be open to the public and any potentially eligible applicants are invited to attend and ask questions or seek clarification regarding the RFP. Attendance is NOT required in order to submit a proposal and will not affect scoring during the evaluation process.

Completed proposals must be submitted **no later than 2 PM on Thursday, April 25th, 2024,** and late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted or evaluated.

The LFUCG intends to conduct proposal evaluation in April and May 2024 immediately following the proposal due date, with the intention to make funding announcements approximately in late May, 2024. This timeline is subject to change without notice.

Successful applicants shall be contacted to negotiate a funding agreement with expectations that an award be in place for the funded programs to begin operations by July 1, 2024. No funds may be expended prior to the execution of a funding agreement and grantees will not be reimbursed for preaward costs.

3.2 Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by a neutral panel including LFUCG staff and third-party reviewers who have expertise in the field of human services. The feasibility and need in the community of the programming proposed will be assessed, and financial proposals will also be reviewed at this stage. If a proposal fails to meet the minimum criteria outlined in this RFP, it will be eliminated from further consideration. LFUCG reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The scoring criteria are outlined in Section 5.0 Criteria.

Upon receipt of submittals, an initial review will take place to ensure that all submissions meet the minimum qualifications and requirements. Proposals shall be completed in all respects as required by this RFP. A Proposal may be rejected if it is incomplete, contains any alterations or other irregularities of any kind, and will be rejected if any such defect or irregularity can materially affect the quality of the information. A Proposal which contains false or misleading statements may be rejected. If, in the opinion of LFUCG, such information was intended to mislead LFUCG in its evaluation of the Proposal, and the attribute, condition, or capability is a requirement of this RFP, the Proposal will be rejected. The LFUCG also reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities in Proposals if such action is in LFUCG's best interest. Statements made by applicants shall also be without ambiguity, and with adequate elaboration, where necessary, for clear understanding.

3.3 Reporting

The funded project will be required to submit regular progress reports demonstrating progress toward outcomes established in the proposal and associated funding agreement. Report formats will be determined by the Department of Social Services, as will due dates and submission process. Failure to submit complete reports on time will delay processing of grant payments and may affect the grantee's competitiveness for any future funding opportunities with LFUCG.

4.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposal Submittal Forms must be uploaded to https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net before the 2:00 PM EST April 25th, 2024 deadline. Late submissions will not be considered for funding.

5.0 SCORING CRITERIA/EVALUATION

Please see attached Proposal Submittal form to respond to the following; the Proposal Submittal form

is the document that shall be completed with your responses and then uploaded as your RFP submittal. You will need to save the PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form to your hard drive before beginning to enter responses in it to ensure your responses are saved to the form.

ESR Grant Program RFP Criteria

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Funding Priority Area: Childhood and Youth Development

Projected funding is \$660,000 of ESR Grant Program - Community Based Initiatives

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These programs shall consist of an intentional, pro-social approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youths' strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering healthy relationships and supporting positive leadership. These programs may address one or more of the following areas, but shall not be limited to:

- Affordable access to early care & education for children under 5 years of age
- Development services focusing on life skills, social skills, employment mentoring, enrichment, language tutoring, & leadership skills
- Services focused on Kindergarten readiness
- Parental, caregiver, & kinship resources and support

- Improving reading & math proficiency
- Reducing poverty rates among children & youth
- Services for limited English language learners & for overcoming cultural barriers
- Transportation access for child & youth programming
- Addressing student learning loss (specifically kindergarten through 12th grade)
- Youth Violence Prevention
- Mentorship

The term "client" is used throughout this proposal; however we understand that within the context of your work "client" may not mean an individual. For some agencies it may be helpful to think of "client" as whole system (such as a school) or as a neighborhood, group, or community.

5.1 Program Proposal & Design

5.1.1 Needs Statement—Purpose of the Program Proposal / Problem Statement

15 Points

Using local data, provide a description of the problem in Fayette County. Identify the specific population your program is targeting (i.e. age, geographical region, economic status, etc.) and explain why. Discuss whether this population is under-served or at-risk. Describe your understanding of the local system of services addressing this problem, obstacles and/or opportunities your clients face, and how your agency fits within this system of services.

5.1.2 Service Delivery Model

15 Points

What steps will you take or what activities will you provide to assist clients in achieving these goals? Describe each "unit of service" you will provide for clients and how often and how long this service will be provided (e.g. a one-time three-hour training; a weekly one-hour support group for 12 weeks; one 30-minute health exam twice a year; 1-3 hour advocacy services as needed; etc.) How will these services address the problem as identified in the Needs Statement above? Be specific.

5.1.3 Client Eligibility and Requirements

5 Points

What eligibility requirements must clients meet to qualify for services? What are the expectations of clients while receiving services? (e.g. client must pay \$30 fee for each class; client must remain sober; client is responsible for chores; nothing other than participation in services; etc.)

5.1.4 Evidence-Based/Best Practice

10 Points

Describe the evidence-based or promising practice model on which this service approach is based. Provide particular sources that indicate what you are proposing is best-practice.

5.2 Program Measures & Evaluation

5.2.1 Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes

10 Points

What do you hope to help your clients achieve? What are some examples of goals you will set with clients? What is your service philosophy in terms of helping your clients achieve these goals? Describe how you define "successful" completion of services. (e.g. service is complete if: client remains for entire three-hour training; client continues services until judge orders otherwise; etc.) What percentage of clients meet that criteria for success?

5.2.2 Client Empowerment & Community Impact

10 Points

Describe what meaningful difference these services make in the lives of people served. What value is added to the community? Provide examples. (e.g. client demonstrates change in attitude; client has behavior change; etc.)

5.2.3 Data Assessment & Quality Improvement

10 Points

While it doesn't have to be complicated, evaluation is more than saying "we provided this many 'units of service.'" How will you know if your services have been effective? How does this relate to the desired outcomes for your clients? How will the information gathered be used to improve your services in the future? Be specific (for example, data collection may be through focus groups, pre-and post-tests, client satisfaction surveys, etc.), and also be specific regarding sampling size and frequency of evaluation.

5.3 Capacity & Sustainability

5.3.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience

5 Points

Provide information on the key/primary individuals that will be involved in the provision of services and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Describe the anticipated roles and responsibilities for each person as it relates to this project. Describe the experience, expertise, and capacity of each individual to address the proposed activities.

5.3.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage

5 Points

How do your programs and services support our community's comprehensive response to the identified priority area of Community Wellness & Safety? Does your organization have any formal agreements or informal working relationship with other local service programs?

What role does your governing board members, volunteers, and / or donors play in facilitating viable service delivery and program administration? Does your program have any major civic benefactors or corporate sponsors? Describe other secured funding sources and committed operational resources your organization has allocated for the proposed program.

5.3.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy

15 Points

Demonstrate how the program will ensure services are available and accessible by all potential participants, especially related to language barriers for persons with limited English proficiency, including a language access plan; persons with physical or other disabilities; and persons impacted by poverty and economic distress.

Has your organization enacted any policies (or employs any standard operating procedures) to ensure equitable service opportunity and / or benefit program to a diverse cross-section of the greater community? How does your proposal support or enhance the recommendations made by the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice & Equality?

6.0 Program Budget Summary Form

Proposal Submittal shall be considered incomplete and shall be rejected without completed Budget Summary Form. (which will be the total amount of FY25 ESR grant request)

<u>Budget Form will be for Fiscal Year 2025 ESR Request only. Funds awarded for Fiscal Year 2026</u> <u>shall be the same amount as awarded for Fiscal Year 2025</u>, and contingent on Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Exhibit B



RFP-19-2024 The Nathaniel Mission Daniel Baer Supplier Response

Event Information

Number: RFP-19-2024

Title: Childhood & Youth Development

Type: Request For Proposal

Issue Date: 3/28/2024

Deadline: 4/25/2024 02:00 PM (ET)

Contact Information

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Lexington, KY 40508

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ONLY ONLINE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED! By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company and that you agree to all bid terms and conditions as stated in the attached bid/RFP/RFQ/Quote/Auction documents.

Daniel Baer	Dbaer@nathanielmission.com	
Signature	Email	

Submitted at 4/24/2024 08:59:51 AM (ET)

Response Attachments

RFP#19 - Nathaniel Mission.pdf

Nathaniel Mission's submission for RFP#19 - Childhood & Youth Development ESR

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RFP #19-2024 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM

- Save this PDF formatted Proposal Submittal Form to your hard drive before beginning to enter responses in it to ensure your responses are saved to the form.
- LIMIT RESPONSES IN TEXT BOXES TO 250 WORDS
- REMINDER: All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no followup or clarifications to proposer's submittal form once the evaluation process begins.

5.1 Program Proposal & Design

5.1.1 Needs Statement—Purpose of the Program Proposal / Problem Statement

15 Points

Using local data, provide a description of the problem in Fayette County. Identify the specific population your program is targeting (i.e. age, geographical region, economic status, etc.) and explain why. Discuss whether this population is under-served or at-risk. Describe your understanding of the local system of services addressing this problem, obstacles and/or opportunities your clients face, and how your agency fits within this system of services.

Cardinal Valley Elementary (CVES) diverges from many other schools in Fayette County. CVES serves over 600 students: children that are primarily Hispanic (73%), with 80% of classrooms filled with English Language Learners (highest in FC). In Kindergarten in particular only 11% of current students are kindergarten-ready. Looking at 2022-2023 K-PREP, only 24% of students scored proficient/distinguished in reading and 15% in math. These statistical realities (Kentucky Department of Education) are significant barriers to academic success.

In regard to these academic issues, there is a general lack of resources to meet these needs within the community itself. The entire school qualifies for free meals, which points to a high percentage of economically disadvantaged families. These children are at greater risk than higher-income children for a range of cognitive, emotional, and health-related problems, including detrimental effects on executive functioning, poor social-emotional functioning, developmental delays, behavioral problems, inadequate nutrition, and more (APA.com). Clearly the lack of academic readiness, coupled with poor socio-economic status, hampers these children's overall prospects in life.

The only academic support services nearby are a homework help program at the nearby library and sessions of a two day/ week ESS. Enrichment opportunities are limited to small weekly groups at CVES. Due to the great need and lack of support, these children are Nathaniel Mission's (NM) strategic target population. Poverty, family instability, language barriers, and lack of services point to students being underserved and at-risk. No other agency is positioned or equipped to make an impact like NM.

5.1.2 Service Delivery Model

15 Points

What steps will you take or what activities will you provide to assist clients in achieving these goals? Describe each "unit of service" you will provide for clients and how often and how long this service will be provided (e.g. a one-time three-hour training; a weekly one-hour support group for 12 weeks; one 30-minute health exam twice a year; 1-3 hour advocacy services as needed; etc.) How will these services address the problem as identified in the Needs Statement above? Be specific.

Our programmatic aim is to provide extended learning opportunities focused on academics, enrichment, and mentor relationships. This focus is tailored to the identified needs of academic support, accessible opportunities, and intervention for at-risk students.

These opportunities include an after-school program and summer enrichment camp. The after-school program is a 4-day/ week and 2.5-hr/day program, which runs from September to May. During the summer months, camp runs for four weeks, providing a 4-day/week and 4-hr/day summer enrichment programming.

This focused time is well-structured with instructional components. Our programs give ample time to engage in math, guided reading, science, art, music, character-building, exercise through physical games, and social-emotional learning (SEL), filling gaps not covered in the regular school day. Knowing that building literacy skills is critical for student success, students gain STEM concepts and knowledge through read-aloud or independent reading based on choice. One on one reading intervention is provided by a retired educator. Additionally, with the guidance of a FCPS reading specialist, every student receives reading intervention weekly through a program called Rhyme Magic. Providing space for children to manage toxic stress, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences, we intentional build into our daily schedule space for SEL through specific games, grade-level small group discussions, and mentor relationships.

We recognize that a student's primary educator is their parent or guardian. Students' families are given opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including educational development through monthly family nights, home visits, and parent conferences.

5.1.3 Client Eligibility and Requirements

5 Points

What eligibility requirements must clients meet to qualify for services? What are the expectations of clients while receiving services? (e.g. client must pay \$30 fee for each class; client must remain sober; client is responsible for chores; nothing other than participation in services; etc.)

Though our extended learning program is focused on CVES, NM serves the whole Versailles Road Corridor, which includes Harrison, Picadome, and James Lane Allen elementary schools. Students who attend these other schools will not be turned away but must provide their own transportation to program sites. This mainly applies to summer programming. These programs are available to all children who are in kindergarten through fifth grade. If a parent identifies the need for extended learning or wrap-around care, that gualifies their child to participate.

With the desire for families to take ownership of the program and to solidify regular attendance, a small fee is required to register for programs (\$10 for the school year and \$10 for two weeks of camp). We want to emphasize our desire for parents/caregivers to actively participate in their child's education. We believe the fee isn't restrictive of participating but gives commitment to our programming. Scholarships are available for those who vocalize their need. Parents/Caregivers will be required to sign an agreement of expectations.

For our after-school program, this agreement will include:

- expectations for students during the program (behavior, reading, and participation),
- regular attendance of the program (>50% of program days),
- parent conferences and/or home visits (two times a year),
- At least one parent/caregiver regularly attends monthly family nights (attending six of the nine events).

For summer enrichment camp, this agreement includes:

- expectations for students during the program (behavior and participation)
- regular program attendance (>50% of program days).

5.1.4 Evidence-Based/Best Practice

10 Points

Describe the evidence-based or promising practice model on which this service approach is based. Provide particular sources that indicate what you are doing is best-practice.

Afterschool Alliance has researched the outcomes of afterschool and summer programs and identified nine key principles that help students reach their full potential. Our programs focus on improving academic success and motivating students toward growth through:

1. School-Community Partnerships (reinforce and complement the school). 2. Active & Engaged Learning (giving autonomy and engagement in hands-on STEM, physical activity, music, and art). 3. Family Engagement (seeking parental input; offering workshops; connecting families to resources; and encouraging active stewards in their child's education). 4. Intentional Programming (meaningfully meeting developmental and academic needs). 5. Diverse, Prepared Staff (ratios, qualifications, professional development, and overall diversity). 6. Participation and Access (participation frequency and duration). 7. Safety (Adequate space, supervision, and security enabling students to actively participate and try new things). 8. Health & Well-Being (holistic approach to well-being: building social and emotional skills and competencies, and providing physical activity and nutritious snacks). 9. Ongoing Assessment and Improvement (employ sound data collection and management practices focused on continuous improvement). (Afterschool Alliance, March 2021 Brief, Expanded Learning Support Student ReEngagement)

Knowing language improvement is a priority of CVES students, NM adopted "Read for Success" by "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF). This approach aligns with in-school curriculum, providing resources to utilize the curriculum at program and home, trained staff, and parent involvement. During the research study, students in the 10th percentile or below saw significant gains in their Lexie reader scores (RIF, 2015). This reading culture improves listening, speaking, and language development. (Barrentine, 1996; Sipe, 2000).

5.2 Program Measures & Evaluation

5.2.1 Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes

10 Points

What do you hope to help your clients achieve? What are some examples of goals you will set with clients? What is your service philosophy in terms of helping your clients achieve these goals? Describe how you define "successful" completion of services. (e.g. service is complete if: client remains for entire three-hour training; client continues services until judge orders otherwise; etc.) What percentage of clients meet that criteria for success?

We hope children develop meaningful relationships with staff/volunteers, strong social and emotional skills, and positively impact academic performance. With an inclusive environment where all children are valued and challenged academically and socially/emotionally, an opportunity is created for greater openness to novel experiences, increased interest in others and the world, heightened inquisitiveness and creativity, and ultimately, an aspiration of becoming lifelong learners. This vision is achieved through our goals to increase reading achievement and academic performance, regular attendance, building enrichment skills, and build rapport with staff and peers. Objectives associated with these goals include:

- 1. 60% of students enrolled will have regular attendance
- 2. 80% of mentors lead the same group of students for each semester.
- 3. 75% of regular attenders (RA) will spend 20 minutes working on classroom-related tutoring or reinforcement of instruction in Math or Reading
 - 4. 75% of RA spend 60 minutes a week reading
 - 5. 75% complete weekly STEAM objectives
 - 6. 50% of parents/staff see growth in social/emotional skills of students
 - 7. 75% of caregivers of RA will attend 6 of 9 family nights

These objectives are healthy indicators of "successful" completion of services in school or summer programs. For families, our program hopes to raise engagement in their child's education, act as a bridge between families and school, and provide wrap-around services to families, such as parenting education and connecting to social services as needed. Success includes open communication from staff, attendance of 60% of family nights, and utilizing helpful tools at home that leads to positive change.

5.2.2 Client Empowerment & Community Impact

10 Points

Describe what meaningful difference these services make in the lives of people served. What value is added to the community? Provide examples. (e.g. client demonstrates change in attitude; client has behavior change; etc.)

We met Valentina this fall, a new student from another country. Her mother was relieved to find a program that provided wrap-around support to her Spanish-speaking child. In the beginning, Valentina was serious and quiet, struggling to adapt. Every morning was a battle to get on the bus to a new school where she understood very little of what was being said. However, NM provided a nurturing environment where she was loved and known. She experienced this by staff/volunteers interpreting and building a relationship with her. She has blossomed with smiles and laughter with others. Her remarkable progress can be seen in her beautiful art projects.

Parents have seen improvements in reading skills, as evidenced by their child teaching them how to pronounce words correctly: "These are things that I cannot do as their dad, who is limited in English." During a home visit, a parent said, "Your program has helped my daughter with her emotional skills. She seems to be interacting much better with other kids and handling her own difficult emotions now that she's in the program."

This year, 100% of our students completed lesson objectives and spent 60 minutes reading weekly, with over 50% receiving one-on-one reading interventions. Improvements were seen in MAP testing.

These strategic practices resulted in positive long-term effects on school attendance, behavior, academic work habits, grades, and reduced dangerous behaviors like drug use. Students feel empowered to integrate into their community, seeing themselves as valuable and strong, ready to make an impact.

5.2.3 Data Assessment & Quality Improvement

10 Points

While it doesn't have to be complicated, evaluation is more than saying "we provided this many 'units of service." How will you know if your services have been effective? How does this relate to the desired outcomes for your clients? How will the information gathered be used to improve your services in the future? Be specific (for example, data collection may be through focus groups, pre-and post-tests, client satisfaction surveys, etc.), and also be specific regarding sampling size and frequency of evaluation.

Developing meaningful relationships, improving social/emotional skills, and supporting students' academics will be monitored in several ways. Through our database, daily attendance records will determine the consistency of student participation. A staff/volunteer feedback form will assess areas such as social competencies with peers, task persistence, work habits, misconduct reductions, quality interactions with adults and peers, and engagement in program activities. This data will indicate changes in students' behaviors across the school year.

Quantitative data from student's MAP test (which provides information on skills students know, current learning, and the next step for future instruction) measure language and literacy competency. CVES administrators have granted us access to this data with parental permission. Reading and enrichment teachers will create a rubric of assessment to evaluate skills. This data will be collected three times a year (2: school; 1: summer). These assessments and surveys will directly impact improvements. Additionally, attendance will be taken during family nights, and parents will be surveyed to assess impact on students and skills learned.

Yearly, we meet with key administrators to receive feedback on program development and specific CVES students' struggles. For example, administrators identified students' need for meaningful dialogue, which led our program to expand speech complexity in order to develop oracy skills. A FCPS's reading specialist trained staff and highlighted a reading intervention program for struggling readers. Quantitative and qualitative data is taken to our leadership, who assesses areas of improvement and develops goals and objectives for the following year.

5.3 Capacity & Sustainability

5.3.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience

5 Points

Provide information on the key/primary individuals that will be involved in the provision of services and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Describe the anticipated roles and responsibilities for each person as it relates to this project. Describe the experience, expertise, and capacity of each individual to address the proposed activities.

Program Coordinator: Kelly Langdoc, since December 2022. Bachelor's of Science in Early Childhood Education, Master's degree in Christian Education. She has teaching experience in public, Christian, and international schools. She is fluent in Spanish with 20 years of experience in cross cultural education. Responsibilities include: 1. Program Oversight - recruit families, establish a learning environment, and oversee planning and implementation. 2. Leadership - develop focused programs to achieve agreed-upon goals and objectives. Establishes strategic partnerships. 3. Volunteer Recruitment and Management - recruits, screens, empowers, equips, communicates, and invests in volunteers to adhere to safety policies. 4. Administration - direct program budget, establish program calendar, and maintain consistent contact with our network. Program Director: Meghan Talley, since January 2017. With 20 years of experience working with children & youth, she started an after-school program at The Foundry Christian Community Center in Bowling Green, KY, and the program at NM. Responsibilities include: 1. Support - weekly meeting with staff, provide training and guidance. 2. Accountability - ensure goals and objectives are being met. 3. Sustainability - assist in securing funding.

Poverty Intervention & Prevent Coordinator: Stephanie Martinez, since November 2023. Fluent in Spanish, with three years experience in social work, Stephanie connects families to resources as needed.

Professional Support Teacher/Interns currently include: Angela Rehorn - retired Elementary Art Teacher with 26 years of experience, Joan Wooden - professional Choir Director with over 30 years of experience teaching in school and leading children's ensembles and choirs, Larry Grabau -retired Science Professor at UK with 40 years of science teaching, and Martha Shannon - retired Special Education Teacher with 34 years of teaching.

5.3.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage

5 Points

How do your programs and services support our community's comprehensive response to the identified priority area of Community Wellness & Safety? Does your organization have any formal agreements or informal working relationship with other local service programs?

What role does your governing board members, volunteers, and / or donors play in facilitating viable service delivery and program administration? Does your program have any major civic benefactors or corporate sponsors? Describe other secured funding sources and committed operational resources your organization has allocated for the proposed program.

Through our many years of consistent engagement with partners in the area, our programs aim to expand current opportunities in Cadinal Valley (CV) and address critical gaps in services. Key organizations serving CV that we intentionally partner with are Partners for Youth, Lexington Public Library (Marksbury Family Branch), Cardinal Valley Park Activities Board, school administrators/teachers, Community Action, Bluegrass Community Clinic, Family Care Center, and others.

We built a network of enrichment partnerships over the many years of our programs, including recent program partners Lexington Public Library, Louisville Zoo, Salato Wildlife Education Center, McConnell Springs, Star Kids Dentistry, and Fayette County UK Extension Office. We have formal agreements with Lexington Calvary Church of the Nazarene (CCN) to use their facility, CVES to provide transportation, Cardinal Valley Park Activities Board to access the park and building, and God's Pantry to provide healthy, nutritious meals.

NM enjoys connections to over 36 local congregations that provide volunteer or financial support. Additional partnerships include the Hispanic Studies Department, Communication & Information Studies Department, Student Organizations and Activities Offices at UK, as well as the Mentored Ministry Program at Asbury Seminary and students at Asbury University. Additional grant funding and committed organizational resources help to make these programs possible. Individual donors have sponsored our students through a scholarship campaign for after-school programming and summer camp. Staffing, overhead, and additional costs are largely supported by these supplemental resources, providing stability to these programs for nearly a decade of service to the Versailles Road Corridor.

5.3.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy

15 Points

Demonstrate how the program will ensure services are available and accessible by all potential participants, especially related to language barriers for persons with limited English proficiency, including a language access plan; persons with physical or other disabilities; and persons impacted by poverty and economic distress.

Has your organization enacted any policies (or employs any standard operating procedures) to ensure equitable service opportunity and / or benefit program to a diverse cross-section of the greater community? How does your proposal support or enhance the recommendations made by the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice & Equality?

Knowing transportation is a barrier, programs are held in the Cardinal Valley Neighborhood to mitigate driving limitations. Additionally, program spaces are fully accessible to those with physical disabilities.

We have intentionally hired staff (Program Coordinator and Case Manager) who are fluent in Spanish to bridge existing language and cultural barriers. Our partnership with Access Language Solutions allows for ease of communication with families with any other language.

Many of our students experience unhealthy and concerning distress due to poverty. We equip staff and volunteers to recognize those factors and offer additional support through case management and resourcing. Training includes learning about common sources of childhood trauma, how trauma is manifested in students, how trauma affects learning, and seeking out tools and techniques to help students manage their emotional and social behaviors.

In alignment with the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice and Equality, we will provide training that includes cultural inclusivity, implicit bias, and practices for engaging the whole family in learning in/outside the classroom. This will ensure families and individuals are able to thrive and flourish in all aspects of identity, including race, religion, gender, orientation, ability, and socioeconomic background. Families are given space (family nights and home visits) to voice their realities, describe how systems of oppression touch their experiences, and develop solutions that draw upon their assets. All people, cultures, and identities are equally valued and recognized under the belief that strength comes through the diversity of our shared humanity.

6.0 Program Budget Summary Form Instructions

Proposal Submittal shall be considered incomplete and shall be rejected without completed Budget Summary Form. (Including total amount of ESR grant request for the first year of the cycle, Fiscal Year 2025.)

For organizations requesting funding for more than one program in this RFP, combine into a single Program Budget narrative for the proposal.

Please note that the Program Budget will be part of the grantee agreement with LFUCG and regular tracking and expenditure reporting will be required.

To ensure readability and uniformity, please use the Program Budget form included. Provide brief line-item detail as specified in each section below and verify all calculations.

This section provides a summary of the total proposed Program Budget for FY 2025. It requests the allocation of all projected funding amounts (City and non-City sources) for anticipated FY 2025 program expenditures. The allocation for FY 2026 shall be the same as FY 2025.

Total Program Budget

Column A should reflect projected expenditures for the entire program (not just the proposed LFUCG ESR grant funding request portion). When the chart is completed this column should equal ESR Grant Funding Request plus other/non-ESR program funding. (A=B+C)

ESR Grant Funding Request

Column B is the grant amount being requested from this RFP to support this program's services to eligible Fayette County Participants.

Non-LFUCG Program Funding

Column C is the non-LFUCG ESR funding that is allocated to the Total Program Budget (A-B = C).

This form is for the budget for the PROGRAM applying for ESR funds, not the total agency budget.

For each category identify the amount requested and the amount to be leveraged through other programs or organizations (if applicable).

Staff Salaries – Identify the number of Full-time position salaries allocated to the program, and part-time positions allocated to the program, and the amounts of each allocated to Columns A, B, & C.

Consultant Services – In the "List Details" box, briefly describe any expenses associated with providing expanded supportive services or other services for which the organization intends to contract with another entity. Any of these expenses to be provided by the proposing organization should be included in other line items.

Space/Facilities — In the "List Details" box, briefly list the basis of the allocation of rental costs, utilities, janitorial costs, and any other facility costs for the Program. Identify any office or program space in an LFUCG owned building, and any other costs (rent, monthly utilities, etc.) reimbursed to LFUCG.

Scholarships/Stipends – In the "List Details" box, **briefly** list the type of scholarships or stipends, and include the number of people or organizations to receive funds.

Operating Expenses – In the "List Details" box, briefly list the costs associated with expenses, supplies, utilities, and any other expense associated directly with the operation of the project.

Other – In the "List Details" box, briefly list any other costs for the Program not covered above.

PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY Budget for Year One (FY2025) of Cycle; Budget for Year Two (FY2026) to be the same

Agency Name The Nathaniel Mission

Program Name NM Children and Youth Development Programs

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Full-Time (FTE)	2	\$105,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
Part-Time	1	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$27,000.0
	Total Salaries	\$135,000.00	0	C
3. Consultant Services	\$	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
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4. Space/Facilities	\$	\$10,420.00	\$0.00	\$10,420.0
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Exhibit C



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Request for Proposals

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for #20-2024 Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access – Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program to be provided in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications established herein.

Sealed proposals will be received through Ion Wave until **2:00 PM**, prevailing local time, on **April 25, 2024.** All forms and information requested in RFP #20-2024 must be included and attached in Response Attachments tab in Ion Wave.

Proposals received after the date and time set for opening proposals will not be accepted. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to assure that his/her proposal is submitted in lon Wave before the date and time set for opening proposals.

Proposals, once submitted, may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities when such waiver is determined by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to be in its best interest.

Signature of this proposal by the Proposer constitutes acceptance by the Proposer of terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein.

Minor exceptions may not eliminate the proposal. Any exceptions to the specifications established herein shall be listed in detail on a separate sheet and attached hereto. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government shall determine whether any exception is minor.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government encourages the participation of minority- and women-owned businesses in Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government contracts. This proposal is subject to Affirmative Action requirements attached hereto.

Please do not contact any LFUCG staff member or any other person involved in the selection process other than the designated contact person(s) regarding the project contemplated under this RFP while this RFP is open and a selection has not been finalized. Any attempt to do so may result in disqualification of the firm's submittal for consideration.

Laws and Regulations

All applicable state laws, municipal ordinances and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the contract, and shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Entity (regardless of whether construction contractor, non-construction contractor or supplier) agrees to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation or gender identity), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, political affiliation, or veteran status, and to promote equal employment through a positive, continuing program from itself and each of its sub-contracting agents. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices.

Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act

The Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1978 (KRS 45.560-45.640) requires that any "county, city, town, school district, water district, hospital district, or other political subdivision of the state shall include in directly or indirectly publicly funded contracts for supplies, materials, services, or equipment hereinafter entered into the following provisions:

"During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
- (2) The contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractors that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;
- (3) The contractor will post notices in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, setting forth the provision of the nondiscrimination clauses required by this section; and
- (4) The contractor will send a notice to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding advising the labor union or workers'

representative of the contractor's commitments under the nondiscrimination clauses."

The Act further provides:

"KRS 45.610. Hiring minorities -- Information required

- (1) For the length of the contract, each contractor shall hire minorities from other sources within the drawing area, should the union with which he has collective bargaining agreements be unwilling to supply sufficient minorities to satisfy the agreed upon goals and timetables.
- (2) Each contractor shall, for the length of the contract, furnish such information as required by KRS 45.560 to KRS 45.640 and by such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to all books and records pertaining to his employment practices and work sites by the contracting agency and the department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with KRS 45.560 to 45.640 and such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto.

KRS 45.620. Action against contractor -- Hiring of minority contractor or subcontractor

- (1) If any contractor is found by the department to have engaged in an unlawful practice under this chapter during the course of performing under a contract or subcontract covered under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the department shall so certify to the contracting agency and such certification shall be binding upon the contracting agency unless it is reversed in the course of judicial review.
- (2) If the contractor is found to have committed an unlawful practice under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the contracting agency may cancel or terminate the contract, conditioned upon a program for future compliance approved by the contracting agency and the department. The contracting agency may declare such a contractor ineligible to bid on further contracts with that agency until such time as the contractor complies in full with the requirements of KRS 45.560 to 45.640.
- (3) The equal employment provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 may be met in part by a contractor by subcontracting to a minority contractor or subcontractor. For the provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640, a minority contractor or subcontractor shall mean a business that is owned and controlled by one or more persons disadvantaged by racial or ethnic circumstances.

KRS 45.630 Termination of existing employee not required, when

Any provision of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 notwithstanding, no contractor shall be required to terminate an existing employee upon proof that employee was employed prior to the date of the contract.

KRS 45.640 Minimum skills

Nothing in KRS 45.560 to 45.640 shall require a contractor to hire anyone who fails to demonstrate the minimum skills required to perform a particular job."

It is recommended that all of the provisions above quoted be included as special conditions in each contract. In the case of a contract exceeding \$250,000, the contractor is required to furnish evidence that his workforce in Kentucky is representative of the available work-force in the area from which he draws employees, or to supply an Affirmative Action plan which will achieve such representation during the life of the contract.

LFUCG Non-Appropriation Clause

Contractor acknowledges that the LFUCG is a governmental entity, and the contract validity is based upon the availability of public funding under the authority of its statutory mandate.

In the event that public funds are unavailable and not appropriated for the performance of the LFUCG's obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically expire without penalty to the LFUCG thirty (30) days after written notice to Contractor of the unavailability and non-appropriation of public funds. It is expressly agreed that the LFUCG shall not activate this non-appropriation provision for its convenience or to circumvent the requirements of this contract, but only as an emergency fiscal measure during a substantial fiscal crisis, which affects generally its governmental operations.

In the event of a change in the LFUCG's statutory authority, mandate and mandated functions, by state and federal legislative or regulatory action, which adversely affects the LFUCG's authority to continue its obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically terminate without penalty to the LFUCG upon written notice to Contractor of such limitation or change in the LFUCG's legal authority.

Contention Process

Vendors who respond to this invitation have the right to file a notice of contention associated with the RFP process or to file a notice of appeal of the recommendation made by the Director of Procurement resulting from this invitation.

Notice of contention with the RFP process must be filed within 3 business days of the bid/proposal opening by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support contention, to the Director of the Division of Procurement or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Procurement to explain his/her

contention with the RFP process. After consulting with the Commissioner of Finance the Chief Administrative Officer and reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor, the Director of Procurement shall promptly respond in writing findings as to the compliance with RFP processes. If, based on this review, a RFP process irregularity is deemed to have occurred the Director of Procurement will consult with the Commissioner of Finance, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Law as to the appropriate remedy.

Notice of appeal of a RFP recommendation must be filed within 3 business days of the RFP recommendation by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support appeal, to the Director, Division of Procurement or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Procurement to explain his appeal. After reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor and consulting with the Commissioner of Finance and the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Procurement shall in writing, affirm or withdraw the recommendation.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1.	Pro	gram Proposal & Design		
	1.1	Needs Statement		15
	1.2	Service Delivery Model		15
	1.3	Client Eligibility & Requirements		5
	1.4	Evidence-Based/Best Practice		10
				Subtotal 45
2.	Pro	gram Measures & Evaluation		
	2.1	Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes		10
	2.2	Client Empowerment & Community Impact		10
	5.3	Data Assessment & Quality Improvement		10
				Subtotal 30
3.	Cap	acity & Sustainability		
	5.3.	1 Staff Qualifications & Experience		5
	5.3.2	2 Partnership & Resource Leverage		5
	5.3.3	3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy		15
				Subtotal 25
			TOTAL	100

Proposals shall contain the appropriate information necessary to evaluate based on these criteria. A committee composed of government employees as well as representatives of relevant user groups will evaluate the proposals.

The LFUCG reserves the right to request clarification of any proposal from prospective vendors, or to interview any vendor to further discuss their submitted proposal. The LFUCG further reserves the right to select more than one vendor as a preliminary finalist that will be required to make an oral presentation to the LFUCG. The LFUCG reserves the right to amend its final scoring of the proposals based upon information provided

during such a presentation as long as the proposal does not materially differ from the written proposal submitted by the vendor.

Questions shall be submitted via lonWave at: https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net

Affirmative Action Plan

All vendors must submit as a part of the proposal package the following items to the Urban County Government:

- 1. Affirmative Action Plan for his/her firm;
- 2. Current Work Force Analysis Form;

Failure to submit these items as required may result in disqualification of the submitter from award of the contract. All submissions should be directed to:

Director, Division of Procurement Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government 200 East Main Street, 3rd Floor Lexington, Kentucky 40507

All questions regarding this proposal must be directed to the Division of Procurement, (859)-258-3320.

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

Comes the Affiant, THE NATITABLE MISSION, and after being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury as follows:
1. His/her name is DANIEL BAER and he/she is the individual submitting the proposal or is the authorized representative of THE NATHANIEL MISSION, the entity submitting the proposal (hereinafter referred to as "Proposer").
2. Proposer will pay all taxes and fees, which are owed to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government at the time the proposal is submitted, prior to award of the contract and will maintain a "current" status in regard to those taxes and fees during the life of the contract.
3. Proposer will obtain a Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government business license, if applicable, prior to award of the contract.
4. Proposer has authorized the Division of Procurement to verify the above-mentioned information with the Division of Revenue and to disclose to the Urban County Council that taxes and/or fees are delinquent or that a business license has not been obtained.
5. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the past five (5) years and the award of a contract to the Proposer will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.
6. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of Chapter 25 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances, known as "Ethics Act."

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7. Proposer acknowledges that "knowingly" for purposes of this Affidavit means, with respect to conduct or to circumstances described by a statute or ordinance defining an offense, that a person is aware or should have been aware that his conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

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Joseph Stuart Blackey Notary ID: KYNP59738 Fayette County, Kentucky Exp: September 29, 2026

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGREEMENT

Standard Title VI Assurance

The Lexington Fayette-Urban County Government, (hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient") hereby agrees that as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, (49 CFR, Part 21) Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Program of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") and other pertinent directives, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age (over 40), religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, including the Federal Highway Administration, and hereby gives assurance that will promptly take any necessary measures to effectuate this agreement. This assurance is required by subsection 21.7(a) (1) of the Regulations.

The Law

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (amended 1972) states that it is unlawful for an employer to discriminate in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age (40-70 years) or national origin.
- Executive Order No. 11246 on Nondiscrimination under Federal contract prohibits employment discrimination by contractor and sub-contractor doing business with the Federal Government or recipients of Federal funds. This order was later amended by Executive Order No. 11375 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap.

- Section 2012 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1973 requires Affirmative Action on behalf of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era by contractors having Federal contracts.
- Section 206(A) of Executive Order 12086, Consolidation of Contract Compliance Functions for Equal Employment Opportunity, states:

The Secretary of Labor may investigate the employment practices of any Government contractor or sub-contractor to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in Section 202 of this order have been violated.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government practices Equal Opportunity in recruiting, hiring and promoting. It is the Government's intent to affirmatively provide employment opportunities for those individuals who have previously not been allowed to enter into the mainstream of society. Because of its importance to the local Government, this policy carries the full endorsement of the Mayor, Commissioners, Directors and all supervisory personnel. In following this commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity and because the Government is the benefactor of the Federal funds, it is both against the Urban County Government policy and illegal for the Government to let contracts to companies which knowingly or unknowingly practice discrimination in their employment practices. Violation of the above mentioned ordinances may cause a contract to be canceled and the contractors may be declared ineligible for future consideration.

Please sign this statement in the appropriate space acknowledging that you have read and understand the provisions contained herein. Return this document as part of your application packet.

Bidders

I/We agree to comply with the Civil Rights Laws listed above that govern employment rights of minorities, women, Vietnam veterans, handicapped and aged persons.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Each Respondent shall comply with all Federal, State & Local regulations concerning this type of service or good.

The Respondent agrees to comply with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing safe and healthful working conditions, including the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 650 et. seq., as amended, and KRS Chapter 338. The Respondent also agrees to notify the LFUCG in writing immediately upon detection of any unsafe and/or unhealthful working conditions at the job site. The Respondent agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the LFUCG harmless from all penalties, fines or other expenses arising out of the alleged violation of said laws.

- 2. Failure to submit ALL forms and information required in this RFP may be grounds for disqualification.
- 3. Addenda: All addenda and lonWave Q&A, if any, shall be considered in making the proposal, and such addenda shall be made a part of this RFP. Before submitting a proposal, it is incumbent upon each proposer to be informed as to whether any addenda have been issued, and the failure to cover in the bid any such addenda may result in disqualification of that proposal.
- 4. Proposal Reservations: LFUCG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award in whole or part, and to waive minor immaterial defects in proposals. LFUCG may consider any alternative proposal that meets its basic needs.
- 5. Liability: LFUCG is not responsible for any cost incurred by a Respondent in the preparation of proposals.
- 6. Changes/Alterations: Respondent may change or withdraw a proposal at any time prior to the opening; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Only letters, or other formal written requests for modifications or corrections of a previously submitted proposal which is addressed in the same manner as the proposal, and received by LFUCG prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals, will be accepted. The proposal, when opened, will then be corrected in accordance with such written request(s), provided that the written request is contained in a sealed envelope which is plainly marked "modifications of proposal".
- 7. Clarification of Submittal: LFUCG reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bid or to obtain additional information from a Respondent.
- 8. Bribery Clause: By his/her signature on the bid, Respondent certifies that no employee of his/hers, any affiliate or Subcontractor, has bribed or attempted to bribe an officer or employee of the LFUCG.

- 9. Additional Information: While not necessary, the Respondent may include any product brochures, software documentation, sample reports, or other documentation that may assist LFUCG in better understanding and evaluating the Respondent's response. Additional documentation shall not serve as a substitute for other documentation which is required by this RFP to be submitted with the proposal,
- 10. Ambiguity, Conflict or other Errors in RFP: If a Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, it shall immediately notify LFUCG of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document if allowable by the LFUCG.
- 11. Agreement to Bid Terms: In submitting this proposal, the Respondent agrees that it has carefully examined the specifications and all provisions relating to the work to be done attached hereto and made part of this proposal. By acceptance of a Contract under this RFP, proposer states that it understands the meaning, intent and requirements of the RFP and agrees to the same. The successful Respondent shall warrant that it is familiar with and understands all provisions herein and shall warrant that it can comply with them. No additional compensation to Respondent shall be authorized for services or expenses reasonably covered under these provisions that the proposer omits from its Proposal.
- 12. Cancellation: If the services to be performed hereunder by the Respondent are not performed in an acceptable manner to the LFUCG, the LFUCG may cancel this contract for cause by providing written notice to the proposer, giving at least thirty (30) days notice of the proposed cancellation and the reasons for same. During that time period, the proposer may seek to bring the performance of services hereunder to a level that is acceptable to the LFUCG, and the LFUCG may rescind the cancellation if such action is in its best interest.

A. Termination for Cause

- (1) LFUCG may terminate a contract because of the contractor's failure to perform its contractual duties
- (2) If a contractor is determined to be in default, LFUCG shall notify the contractor of the determination in writing, and may include a specified date by which the contractor shall cure the identified deficiencies. LFUCG may proceed with termination if the contractor fails to cure the deficiencies within the specified time.
- (3) A default in performance by a contractor for which a contract may be terminated shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:
 - (a) Failure to perform the contract according to its terms, conditions and specifications;
 - (b) Failure to make delivery within the time specified or according

to a delivery schedule fixed by the contract;

- (c) Late payment or nonpayment of bills for labor, materials, supplies, or equipment furnished in connection with a contract for construction services as evidenced by mechanics' liens filed pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 376, or letters of indebtedness received from creditors by the purchasing agency;
- (d) Failure to diligently advance the work under a contract for construction services;
- (e) The filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the contractor; or
- (f) Actions that endanger the health, safely or welfare of the LFUCG or its citizens.

B. At Will Termination

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the LFUCG may terminate this contract at will in accordance with the law upon providing thirty (30) days written notice of that intent, Payment for services or goods received prior to termination shall be made by the LFUCG provided these goods or services were provided in a manner acceptable to the LFUCG. Payment for those goods and services shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 13. Assignment of Contract: The contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the Contract without the express written consent of LFUCG. Any purported assignment or subcontract in violation hereof shall be void. It is expressly acknowledged that LFUCG shall never be required or obligated to consent to any request for assignment or subcontract; and further that such refusal to consent can be for any or no reason, fully within the sole discretion of LFUCG.
- 14. No Waiver: No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder, nor any single or partial exercise thereof, nor the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver hereof or thereof. No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of this Contract shall affect the rights, remedies, powers or privileges of LFUCG hereunder or shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 15. Authority to do Business: The Respondent must be a duly organized and authorized to do business under the laws of Kentucky. Respondent must be in good standing and have full legal capacity to provide the services specified under this Contract. The Respondent must have all necessary right and lawful authority to enter into this Contract for the full term hereof and that proper corporate or other action has been duly taken authorizing the Respondent to enter into this Contract. The Respondent will provide LFUCG with a copy of a corporate resolution authorizing this action and a letter from an attorney confirming that the proposer is authorized to do business in the State of Kentucky if requested. All proposals must

be signed by a duly authorized officer, agent or employee of the Respondent.

- 16. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any proceedings regarding this Contract, the Parties agree that the venue shall be the Fayette County Circuit Court or the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington Division. All parties expressly consent to personal jurisdiction and venue in such Court for the limited and sole purpose of proceedings relating to this Contract or any rights or obligations arising thereunder. Service of process may be accomplished by following the procedures prescribed by law.
- 17. Ability to Meet Obligations: Respondent affirmatively states that there are no actions, suits or proceedings of any kind pending against Respondent or, to the knowledge of the Respondent, threatened against the Respondent before or by any court, governmental body or agency or other tribunal or authority which would, if adversely determined, have a materially adverse effect on the authority or ability of Respondent to perform its obligations under this Contract, or which question the legality, validity or enforceability hereof or thereof.
- 18. Contractor understands and agrees that its employees, agents, or subcontractors are not employees of LFUCG for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor is an independent contractor at all times during the performance of the services specified.
- 19. If any term or provision of this Contract shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken.
- 20. Contractor [or Vendor or Vendor's Employees] will not appropriate or make use of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) name or any of its trade or service marks or property (including but not limited to any logo or seal), in any promotion, endorsement, advertisement, testimonial or similar use without the prior written consent of the government. If such consent is granted LFUCG reserves the unilateral right, in its sole discretion, to immediately terminate and revoke such use for any reason whatsoever. Contractor agrees that it shall cease and desist from any unauthorized use immediately upon being notified by LFUCG.

Signature

Date

4.23.24



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Request for Proposals

Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program Priority Area: Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access

Purpose

Each fiscal year the Mayor and Urban County Council allocate funds for use by selected 501(c)(3) non-profit partner agencies through the Department of Social Services' Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (hereinafter referred to as "LFUCG") has historically partnered with non-profit agencies for the purpose of providing priority social services to supplement and support the work of the Urban County Government. These agencies are diverse in their missions and work plans, and provide services to the most vulnerable populations in our community.

Eligibility

- Eligible Responders shall be a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a physical presence in Lexington-Fayette County
- Responders shall be registered and have a current, complete Gold Seal of Transparency or higher level agency portrait on <u>GuideStar.org</u>.
- ESR funds cannot be used to teach, advance, advocate or promote any religion
- Be located in and/or serve Fayette County residents with ESR funds in Fayette County
- Applying organization agrees to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws
- Agencies that are primarily affiliated with, or funded through, an educational institution (e.g., a public or private school or the Fayette County Board of Education) are not eligible to receive funds.

Instructions

Please follow the attached instructions and submit all required forms no later than the deadline indicated below:

Proposal Deadline – 2:00 PM EST April 25th, 2024.

Proposals received after this deadline or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION & SCOPE

1.1 Background

Each fiscal year the Mayor and Urban County Council allocate funds for use by selected 501(c)(3) non-profit partner agencies through the Department of Social Services' Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program.

This grant cycle shall cover Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026), and will award grants between the four Funding Priorities, which each have separate required Proposal Submittals and criteria, and awarded on an approximate scale, listed below.

Funding Priority Area: Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access

Projected funding is approximately \$633,500 of the total ESR Grant Program Community Based Initiatives Award. This amount is subject to change upon Council ratification of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

LFUCG seeks to strengthen and enhance **Food Insecurity and Nutritional Access** by supporting programs and services for the provision of addressing having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food and providing nutritional services. LFUCG intends to award grants for priority-rated programs and services based on documentation of marginalized client populations and articulated individual and community outcomes. The program should utilize best practices and evidence-based models when engaging, assessing, intervening, and terminating services with underserved population groups.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Purpose

The LFUCG is accepting applications from qualified non-governmental, non-profit agencies with current <u>501(c)3</u> tax exempt status and with a physical business or program site location in Fayette County (hereinafter, referred to as "Applicant") for ESR funding for FY2025 & 2026 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026). This funding is intended to support agency <u>programs</u> which respond to the <u>funding priorities</u> established herein. THIS FUNDING IS <u>NOT</u> INTENDED TO SUPPORT GENERAL AGENCY OPERATIONS, other than overhead required to support the subject program.

2.2 Funding Period

The funding period is from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

2.3 ESR Grant Informational Workshop

The Department of Social Services conducted a meeting on March 26th, 2024 that provided potential proposers with an overview of the proposal and review process, instructions on completing the RFP, and presentation of funding priorities.

2.4 Proposal Submission

All Submissions must be uploaded to the LFUCG procurement website at https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net by April 25th, 2024 before 2:00 PM EST. The Submission shall include an enclosed form that shall contain the required documents, and respond to one or more established funding priorities.

Proposal submissions containing significant omissions of required information will be considered non-responsive and removed from the RFP funding process on the application deadline date (April 25th, 2024). Significant missing responses to questions constitute an incomplete application. The final decision regarding application completeness and penalties will be determined by the LFUCG Division of

Procurement in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services. All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no follow-up or clarifications to proposer's Proposal Submittal Form once the evaluation process begins.

Do not include additional documents or attachments with the Proposal Submittal Form, such as brochures or letters of support. These will be discarded.

In evaluating whether to ultimately award funding to an agency, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government may consider how much funding, if any, an agency has previously received from LFUCG during the same funding cycle, and reserves the right to not fund, or to reduce the amount of funding that an agency might otherwise receive, based upon such an evaluation.

If your agency is submitting a proposal for the funding of more than one program in a single priority area, please note that they <u>must be included in a single Proposal Submittal completed and submitted for that priority area RFP. Only one Proposal Submittal per agency per priority area will be accepted. Agencies/Organizations may submit only ONE Proposal Submittal per proposed program in all priority areas.</u>

Submitted Proposal shall be comprised of the attached PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form. This form must be submitted in the original PDF form, and NOT be a scanned version of the original form.

2.5 Acceptance/Rejection of Submissions

The LFUCG reserves the right to reject any proposals which may be considered irregular, show serious omissions, contain unauthorized alteration of the Proposal Submittal form, or are incomplete.

The LFUCG reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications in whole or in part, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, to implement scoring penalties, or to accept applications or portions thereof which, in the Urban County Government's judgment, best serve the interests of Urban County Government.

In evaluating whether to ultimately award funding to an agency, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government may consider how much funding, if any, an agency has previously received from LFUCG during the same funding cycle, and reserves the right to not fund, or to reduce the amount of funding that an agency might otherwise receive, based upon such an evaluation.

All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no follow-up or clarifications to proposer's Proposal Submittal Form once the evaluation process begins.

2.6 <u>Inquiries/Questions</u>

After thoroughly reading this Request for Proposals, Applicants must direct any questions to: Todd Slatin, Director

Division of Procurement 200 E. Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507

E-mail: <u>tslatin@lexingtonky.gov</u> Phone: (859) 258-3320 **Deadline for questions is April 22nd, 2024 at 2:00 PM EST**

3.0 FUNDING PROCESS

3.1 Timeline

This Request for Proposals is being released on March 28th, 2024, and is made available to the public and all potentially eligible applicants. An informational and question and answer meeting will be held on Zoom on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST

Click here to Join Technical Q&A Zoom Meeting

https://bit.ly/ESR25TechQA Meeting ID: 865 6201 4467

Passcode: 781099

This meeting will be open to the public and any potentially eligible applicants are invited to attend and ask questions or seek clarification regarding the RFP. Attendance is NOT required in order to submit a proposal and will not affect scoring during the evaluation process.

Completed proposals must be submitted **no later than 2 PM on Thursday, April 25th, 2024,** and late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted or evaluated.

The LFUCG intends to conduct proposal evaluation in April and May 2024 immediately following the proposal due date, with the intention to make funding announcements approximately in late May, 2024. This timeline is subject to change without notice.

Successful applicants shall be contacted to negotiate a funding agreement with expectations that an award be in place for the funded programs to begin operations by July 1, 2022. No funds may be expended prior to the execution of a funding agreement and grantees will not be reimbursed for preaward costs.

3.2 Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by a neutral panel including LFUCG staff and third-party reviewers who have expertise in the field of human services. The feasibility and need in the community of the programming proposed will be assessed, and financial proposals will also be reviewed at this stage. If a proposal fails to meet the minimum criteria outlined in this RFP, it will be eliminated from further consideration. LFUCG reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The scoring criteria are outlined in Section 5.0 Criteria.

Upon receipt of submittals, an initial review will take place to ensure that all submissions meet the minimum qualifications and requirements. Proposals shall be completed in all respects as required by this RFP. A Proposal may be rejected if it is incomplete, contains any alterations or other irregularities of any kind, and will be rejected if any such defect or irregularity can materially affect the quality of the information. A Proposal which contains false or misleading statements may be rejected. If, in the opinion of LFUCG, such information was intended to mislead LFUCG in its evaluation of the Proposal, and the attribute, condition, or capability is a requirement of this RFP, the Proposal will be rejected. The LFUCG also reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities in Proposals if such action is in LFUCG's best interest. Statements made by applicants shall also be without ambiguity, and with adequate elaboration, where necessary, for clear understanding.

3.3 Reporting

The funded project will be required to submit regular progress reports demonstrating progress toward outcomes established in the proposal and associated funding agreement. Report formats will be determined by the Department of Social Services, as will due dates and submission process. Failure to submit complete reports on time will delay processing of grant payments and may affect the grantee's competitiveness for any future funding opportunities with LFUCG.

4.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposal Submittal Forms must be uploaded to https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net before the 2:00 PM EST April 25th, 2024 deadline. Late submissions will not be considered for funding.

5.0 SCORING CRITERIA/EVALUATION

Please see attached **Proposal Submittal form** to respond to the following; the **Proposal Submittal form** is the document that shall be completed with your responses and then uploaded as your RFP submittal. **You will need to save the PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form to your hard drive before beginning to enter responses in it to ensure your responses are saved to the form.**

ESR Grant Program RFP Criteria

				<u>Points</u>
5.1	Prog	ram Proposal & Design		
	5.1.1	Needs Statement		15
	5.1.2	Service Delivery Model		15
	5.1.3	Client Eligibility & Requirements		5
	5.1.4	Evidence-Based/Best Practice		10
				Subtotal 45
5.2	Prog	ram Measures & Evaluation		
	5.2.1	Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes		10
	5.2.2	Client Empowerment & Community Impact		10
	5.2.3	Data Assessment & Quality Improvement		10
				Subtotal 30
5.3	Capa	city & Sustainability		
	5.3.1	Staff Qualifications & Experience		5
	5.3.2	Partnership & Resource Leverage		5
	5.3.3	Outreach & Inclusion Strategy		15
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Funding Priority Area: Food Insecurity and Nutritional Access

Projected funding is \$633,500 of ESR Grant Program – Community Based Initiatives

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Food security is a situation that exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food

preferences for an active and healthy life. Nutrition includes management for congregate and home delivered meals, delivering quality meals to nutrition sites and homebound clients so clients have nutritionally sound meals.

USDA Definitions:

- High food security: no reported indications of food-access problems or limitations.
- Marginal food security: one or two reported indications—typically of anxiety over food sufficiency or shortage of food in the house. Little or no indication of changes in diets or food intake.
- Low food security: reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet. Little or no indication of reduced food intake.
- Very low food security: Reports of multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake

The term "client" is used throughout this proposal; however we understand that within the context of your work "client" may not mean an individual. For some agencies it may be helpful to think of "client" as whole system (such as a school) or as a neighborhood, group, or community.

5.1 Program Proposal & Design

5.1.1 Needs Statement—Purpose of the Program Proposal / Problem Statement

15 Points

Using local data, provide a description of the problem in Fayette County. Identify the specific population your program is targeting (i.e. age, geographical region, economic status, etc.) and explain why. Discuss whether this population is under-served or at-risk. Describe your understanding of the local system of services addressing this problem, obstacles and/or opportunities your clients face, and how your agency fits within this system of services.

5.1.2 Service Delivery Model

15 Points

What steps will you take or what activities will you provide to assist clients in achieving these goals? Describe each "unit of service" you will provide for clients and how often and how long this service will be provided (e.g. a one-time three-hour training; a weekly one-hour support group for 12 weeks; one 30-minute health exam twice a year; 1-3 hour advocacy services as needed; etc.) How will these services address the problem as identified in the Needs Statement above? Be specific.

5.1.3 Client Eligibility and Requirements

5 Points

What eligibility requirements must clients meet to qualify for services? What are the expectations of clients while receiving services? (e.g. client must pay \$30 fee for each class; client must remain sober; client is responsible for chores; nothing other than participation in services; etc.)

5.1.4 Evidence-Based/Best Practice

10 Points

Describe the evidence-based or promising practice model on which this service approach is based. Provide particular sources that indicate what you are proposing is best-practice.

5.2 Program Measures & Evaluation

5.2.1 Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes

10 Points

What do you hope to help your clients achieve? What are some examples of goals you will set with clients? What is your service philosophy in terms of helping your clients achieve these goals? Describe how you define "successful" completion of services. (e.g. service is complete if: client remains for entire three-hour training; client continues services until judge orders otherwise; etc.) What percentage of clients meet that criteria for success?

5.2.2 Client Empowerment & Community Impact

10 Points

Describe what meaningful difference these services make in the lives of people served. What value is added to the community? Provide examples. (e.g. client demonstrates change in attitude; client has behavior change; etc.)

5.2.3 Data Assessment & Quality Improvement

10 Points

While it doesn't have to be complicated, evaluation is more than saying "we provided this many 'units of service." How will you know if your services have been effective? How does this relate to the desired outcomes for your clients? How will the information gathered be used to improve your services in the future? Be specific (for example, data collection may be through focus groups, pre-and post-tests, client satisfaction surveys, etc.), and also be specific regarding sampling size and frequency of evaluation.

5.3 Capacity & Sustainability

5.3.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience

5 Points

Provide information on the key/primary individuals that will be involved in the provision of services and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Describe the anticipated roles and responsibilities for each person as it relates to this project. Describe the experience, expertise, and capacity of each individual to address the proposed activities.

5.3.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage

5 Points

How do your programs and services support our community's comprehensive response to the identified priority area of Community Wellness & Safety? Does your organization have any formal agreements or informal working relationship with other local service programs?

What role does your governing board members, volunteers, and / or donors play in facilitating viable service delivery and program administration? Does your program have any major civic benefactors or corporate sponsors? Describe other secured funding sources and committed operational resources your organization has allocated for the proposed program.

5.3.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy

15 Points

Demonstrate how the program will ensure services are available and accessible by all potential participants, especially related to language barriers for persons with limited English proficiency, including a language access plan; persons with physical or other disabilities; and persons impacted by poverty and economic distress.

Has your organization enacted any policies (or employs any standard operating procedures) to ensure equitable service opportunity and / or benefit program to a diverse cross-section of the greater community? How does your proposal support or enhance the recommendations made by the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice & Equality?

6.0 Program Budget Summary Form

Proposal Submittal shall be considered incomplete and shall be rejected without completed Budget Summary Form. (which will be the total amount of FY25 ESR grant request)

Budget Form will be for Fiscal Year 2025 ESR Request only. Funds awarded for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be the same amount as awarded for Fiscal Year 2025, and contingent on Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Exhibit D



RFP-20-2024 The Nathaniel Mission Daniel Baer Supplier Response

Event Information

Number: RFP-20-2024

Title: Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access

Type: Request For Proposal

Issue Date: 3/28/2024

Deadline: 4/25/2024 02:00 PM (ET)

Contact Information

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Fax: (859) 2583322

Email: tslatin@lexingtonky.gov

The Nathaniel Mission Information

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Lexington, KY 40508

Phone: (859) 255-0062

ONLY ONLINE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED! By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company and that you agree to all bid terms and conditions as stated in the attached bid/RFP/RFQ/Quote/Auction documents.

Daniel Baer	Dbaer@nathanielmission.com	
Signature	Email	
Submitted at 4/24/2024 09:00:56 AM (ET)		

Response Attachments

RFP#20 - Nathaniel Mission.pdf
Nathaniel Mission's submission for RFP#20 - Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access ESR

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RFP #20-2024 ESR Priority Area: Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM
Agency Information
The Nathaniel Mission
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Phone: (859 255 - 0062 -
Is your Agency registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization? Note: Agencies <u>must</u> be registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization to be eligible for ESR Program funding.
Does your agency have a Gold Seal of Transparency or higher profile on GuideStar.org? Note: Agencies must have a Gold Seal of Transparency or higher profile with GuideStar.org to be eligible for ESR funding.
Website Address:www.nathanielmission.com
Agency Representative (typically the Executive Director - Name, Title, Phone, Email): Dan Baer, Executive Director, 859-255-0062, dbaer@nathanielmission.com
Person Completing Application (Name, Title, Phone, Email): Dan Baer, Executive Director, 859-255-0062, dbaer@nathanielmission.com
Program Information NM Nutritional Assistance Programs Name of program for which funds are being requested:
Total Funding Amount Requested: \$

RFP #20-2024 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM

- Save this PDF formatted Proposal Submittal Form to your hard drive before beginning to enter responses in it to ensure your responses are saved to the form.
- LIMIT RESPONSES IN TEXT BOXES TO 250 WORDS
- REMINDER: All proposals must be written in a clear and concise manner, as there will be no followup or clarifications to proposer's submittal form once the evaluation process begins.

5.1 Program Proposal & Design

5.1.1 Needs Statement—Purpose of the Program Proposal / Problem Statement

15 Points

Using local data, provide a description of the problem in Fayette County. Identify the specific population your program is targeting (i.e. age, geographical region, economic status, etc.) and explain why. Discuss whether this population is under-served or at-risk. Describe your understanding of the local system of services addressing this problem, obstacles and/or opportunities your clients face, and how your agency fits within this system of services.

Feeding America's most recent estimates show that 10.3% of Fayette County (FC) residents (33,160) experience food insecurity. The study finds that many food-insecure individuals in FC do not qualify for federal nutrition programs: 32% are above the SNAP threshold of 200% poverty. Additionally, the average meal cost in FC is \$3.62, which is 3 cents above the national average and 51 cents above the state average.

Nathaniel Mission's (NM) efforts target the communities along the Versailles Road Corridor (VRC), but all FC residents qualify. Of the clients who come to NM, 9 in 10 attend to address food insecurity issues. As one drives down Versailles Road, you encounter several diverse communities with critical economic needs. Looking at the closest elementary school income guidelines for free/reduced lunch, 100% of students qualify for free meals.

Through a yearly in-house survey, over 80% of clients mentioned participating in God's Pantry's food program and/or federal aid such as SNAP benefits. Nevertheless, clients still lack enough resources to adequately provide enough food for their households. The NM's internal data from 2023 demonstrates that over 60% of individuals who participated in our food security programs are new clients in our database, suggesting that there continues to be a growing population of food insecure individuals and households in Lexington. As under-served residents, these neighbors face obstacles in transportation, language, and community connectedness that would otherwise allow them to find alternative resources in other parts of Lexington.

5.1.2 Service Delivery Model

15 Points

What steps will you take or what activities will you provide to assist clients in achieving these goals? Describe each "unit of service" you will provide for clients and how often and how long this service will be provided (e.g. a one-time three-hour training; a weekly one-hour support group for 12 weeks; one 30-minute health exam twice a year; 1-3 hour advocacy services as needed; etc.) How will these services address the problem as identified in the Needs Statement above? Be specific.

The Nutritional Assistance programs include a myriad of opportunities for clients to receive holistic care in addressing their needs:

- Our Mission Market, Tuesday-Thursday, is client-centered. It offers clients choices of fresh, canned, dry, pre-prepared, and frozen foods once per month. Last year, on average, we served 240 households per month, making up over 395 individuals monthly.
- Our Lunch & Learn services, presented twice per month, offer a hot, nutritional meal alongside health-related training, information, or workshops with an average of 80 participants each month.
- Our Senior Commodities partnership with God's Pantry supplements basic food resources for seniors 60 and older. Thirty boxes are available monthly, and over 45 seniors have accessed this resource this past year.
- Monday-Thursday, nutritionally balanced free meal options for breakfast and lunch are available for clients who participate
 in our Day Shelter. Over 400 meals are served in the average week to these neighbors needing meal support.
 In addition, throughout the year, NM offers an intensive focus on food insecurity and wellness issues through education
 programs such as cooking and nutrition classes and diabetes support groups.

For many along the VRC, the closest supermarket/grocery is over a mile away. With transportation being limited, these various programs provide walking-distance access to fresh and shelf stable nutritious food. Additionally, we focus on building up the knowledge and skills necessary to make changes in our neighbors' daily health choices and to offer resources that lessen the chronic experience of food insecurity.

5.1.3 Client Eligibility and Requirements

5 Points

What eligibility requirements must clients meet to qualify for services? What are the expectations of clients while receiving services? (e.g. client must pay \$30 fee for each class; client must remain sober; client is responsible for chores; nothing other than participation in services; etc.)

The Nutritional Assistance Programs are open to all residents of FC, with particular outreach to residents of the Versailles Road Corridor (Cardinal Valley, Gardenside, Bennett Ave., Speigle Heights, Irishtown, etc.). For all programs, clients must complete an intake form. During this process, clients are asked about demographic information, income, and other assistance that their household receives, but this does not hinder their eligibility for any of our programs. For our Mission Market, we require clients to have a valid ID or piece of mail proving they reside in FC. No further administrative burdens or red tape for families are placed upon the clients, removing barriers to accessing food other than their maintenance of NM policies, rules, and behavioral expectations while in our facilities. Monthly reports and yearly recertifications keep cases up to date, allowing for data accountability and a clear understanding of the clients accessing services. For example, of clients who shared income information, only 4% who accessed the market last year had a full-time job. NM is one of the only places in FC with an open door to consistently receive nutritionally beneficial food regardless of income. We aim to sustain this philosophy until funding or capacity causes us to limit our offerings. For Senior Commodities, a client must be at least 60 years old, reside in FC, and have an income lower than 130 percent of the USDA poverty guidelines.

5.1.4 Evidence-Based/Best Practice

10 Points

Describe the evidence-based or promising practice model on which this service approach is based. Provide particular sources that indicate what you are doing is best-practice.

NM uses Improving Health while Alleviating Hunger: Best Practices (2018, Rowland, et.al.) as a guidepost:

- Removing Stigma and Empowering Clients: Our food pantry is branded as a "Market" to emphasize client choice. Clients can choose their own food, rather than receiving standard, prepackaged food, and choose only foods they want/need.
- Incremental Steps to Increase Access to Healthy Food: Menus are developed in accordance with the USDA's "My Plate,"
 which provides a balanced diet using food substitution. Visual cues point out healthy and unhealthy items.
- Embracing Multiculturalism: Our menus and Market pantry options include diverse cultural dishes and items. We offer items and meals that are mindful of dietary and religious restrictions. Our staff and volunteers come from diverse socioeconomic and racial backgrounds.
- Collaboration is Key: Our connection to our neighbors includes an open dialogue about menus, pantry items, and
 educational topics to foster a culture of collaboration and buy-in. These efforts restore dignity, self-respect, and participant's
 personal responsibility for the success of our programs.

These programs are intentionally varied to address many facets of food insecurity as stated in Feeding America's Food Security Evidence Review (2020): food provision and access, transportation, financial stability, income, housing and health. The research indicates that this "center model" is the most effective approach to addressing the underlying causes of poverty and creating sustained food security (RTI, 2014). Clients are encouraged to participate in complementary services aimed at addressing other complex factors contributing to poverty.

5.2 Program Measures & Evaluation

5.2.1 Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes

10 Points

What do you hope to help your clients achieve? What are some examples of goals you will set with clients? What is your service philosophy in terms of helping your clients achieve these goals? Describe how you define "successful" completion of services. (e.g. service is complete if: client remains for entire three-hour training; client continues services until judge orders otherwise; etc.) What percentage of clients meet that criteria for success?

NM seeks to make a marked difference by offering opportunities to receive the necessary supplies to avoid hunger and nutritional deficiencies. Specifically, NM seeks to empower clients and provide healthy offerings that encourage healthy choices.

With an environment of respect, we hope not only to provide services that restores dignity by decreasing feelings of shame and discomfort but also to involve the client's voice in decisions such as items offered and workshop topics, as well as to utilize clients as volunteers. Through class and workshop offerings, our goal is for an increase of clients to participate consistently, equipping them with the knowledge of health & wellness and impacting their daily choices and self-sufficiency. By providing healthy food, we seek to encourage healthy choices by utilizing the Healthy Eating Research guidelines label system that identifies food to be eaten, "often, sometimes, or rarely". By offering this information to our clients, we hope to see an increase of clients choosing healthy items overall.

Not only are we encouraging clients to take advantage of these initiatives, but we also encourage one-on-one consultations with our staff, who set unique goals with clients to begin to see changes in their experiences of poverty, such as participating in financial wellness and job readiness classes.

Success for clients looks like moving from simply shopping in the Mission Market to receiving complementary assistance through other classes, training, and consultations (30% of clients) and seeing a 25% increase in healthy choice selection.

5.2.2 Client Empowerment & Community Impact

10 Points

Describe what meaningful difference these services make in the lives of people served. What value is added to the community? Provide examples. (e.g. client demonstrates change in attitude; client has behavior change; etc.)

A young Hispanic mother with two children in tow enters NM in need not only of food but also a caring shoulder. Living with an acquaintance, struggling to find work, at NM she finds the food she needs as well as classes to help her find a job and connect her to other resources in the community. Through her connection to NM, she has moved into her own place and is applying confidently for jobs.

The Nutritional Assistance programs have provided an access point for fresh produce when 57% of clients surveyed state that they never or rarely purchase produce because of transportation issues and the expense. Through our partnership with FC UK Extension Office, they have provided cooking demonstrations that caused an increase in clients choosing healthier food options.

Our classes and wellness programs provide safe space for clients to express their struggles with healthy eating while experiencing techniques and receiving tools to address them. Tony, a neighbor who walks to the Mission most days, specifically signed up for a cooking class, because he wanted to learn how to prepare the food he was receiving. Our central belief is that addressing food insecurity or healthy choices alone is insufficient, resulting in programs tied directly to other classes and clinics giving further support and resourcing. By addressing some of the systemic factors leading to food insecurity or poor nutrition, NM aims to break cycles of dysfunction and instability.

5.2.3 Data Assessment & Quality Improvement

10 Points

While it doesn't have to be complicated, evaluation is more than saying "we provided this many 'units of service." How will you know if your services have been effective? How does this relate to the desired outcomes for your clients? How will the information gathered be used to improve your services in the future? Be specific (for example, data collection may be through focus groups, pre-and post-tests, client satisfaction surveys, etc.), and also be specific regarding sampling size and frequency of evaluation.

Seeking to empower clients and to provide safe and healthy offerings that encourage healthy choices will be monitored in several different ways. All clients who participate in Nutritional Assistance programs will complete an intake form that collects basic demographic information for households as well as financial and supplementary assistance information. This will be verified yearly starting in January.

All clients who attend Mission Market and Senior Commodities during the months of Sept/Mar, which is an average of 270 households/month, will complete satisfaction surveys. By tracking our clients' satisfaction, experiences in food insecurity, shared concerns, and willingness to take additional health & wellness steps, we can assess our environment of dignity and empowerment. To document the effectiveness of the healthy labeling system, volunteers conduct bag audits (recording every food item selected by clients with its label) at pre-intervention (Jul/Aug) and 3 month post-intervention (Oct/Nov) in hopes of seeing an increase in healthy choices.

In addition, we track participation in Nutritional Assistance workshops and classes. Not only is active and consistent participation recorded, but also client surveys gauge the knowledge learned and demonstrate impact on daily health choices.

With assistance and attendance records, the percentage of clients who receive Mission Market and Senior Commodities and engage in other complementary services can be seen.

Our leadership will evaluate data to assess areas of improvement, which will direct goals and objectives pointing to outcomes and program improvement to be implemented in the month of July.

5.3 Capacity & Sustainability

5.3.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience

5 Points

Provide information on the key/primary individuals that will be involved in the provision of services and demonstrate that they have the capacity to address the stated need. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Describe the anticipated roles and responsibilities for each person as it relates to this project. Describe the experience, expertise, and capacity of each individual to address the proposed activities.

Program Director, Meghan Talley - over a decade of experience directing similar efforts at The Nathaniel Mission and in other non-profit settings. Meghan brings dedication, visionary leadership, and compassion to The Nathaniel Mission's Nutritional Assistance Programs. She oversees staff and volunteer performance, coordinates strategic partnerships, and provides hands-on leadership where applicable.

Poverty Intervention & Prevention Coordinator, Stephanie Martinez - Fluent in Spanish with 3 years of social work experience, she provides hands-on leadership experience to our programs with longevity of vision, rapport with clients, a wealth of knowledge in resourcing, and the dedicated focus on achieving stated goals for the programs. She is responsible for developing educational programs such as Lunch & Learn, Health & Wellness Classes, and Diabetes Support Group. This development involves community partnerships, volunteer and client recruitment, and curriculum.

Operations Manager, Felsha Foster - Felsha's skills ensure that our services are available and accessible to all our clients. Felsha ensures that volunteers pick up food at local stores (Target, Kroger, Starbucks), maintains donation organization, ensures food safety protocols are followed, and places orders through our vendors.

Kitchen Manager, Amanda Burden - Amanda's many years of experience at many levels of commercial kitchen management, including direct food service and preparation, helps NM achieve high standards in regard to food safety, nutritional balance, culturally sensitive meal options, and more. Amanda's attention to detail and heart for service results in high scores in annual Health Department reviews, a welcoming and inviting kitchen for client participation, and excellence in service rendered.

5.3.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage

5 Points

How do your programs and services support our community's comprehensive response to the identified priority area of Community Wellness & Safety? Does your organization have any formal agreements or informal working relationship with other local service programs?

What role does your governing board members, volunteers, and / or donors play in facilitating viable service delivery and program administration? Does your program have any major civic benefactors or corporate sponsors? Describe other secured funding sources and committed operational resources your organization has allocated for the proposed program.

NM works in collaboration with many other organizations around Lexington to meet the needs of our clients. Partnerships include: 1. God's Pantry Meal Connect, which opens the door for rescued food donations from stores such as Kroger, Target, Aldi, and Critchfield Meats, as well as prepared meals from restaurants and catering businesses. 2. God's Pantry Commodity Supplemental Food Program, managing administrative tasks and delivery of Kentucky Department of Agriculture senior commodities. 3. God's Pantry Co-Op, providing the lowest price of specific non-perishable, such as vegetables, fruit, and whole grain pasta. 4. Save-A-Lot, free delivery of additional non-perishables orders. 5. Dollar Tree, providing household items purchased directly from the store. 6. Community agencies such as FC UK extension office, the health department, REACH, and other educational professionals for our educational classes.

These formalized partnerships provide a wealth of goods for our clients to receive and allow NM to offer its programs without charge to our neighbors. Additionally, over a dozen local congregations provide essential volunteer support to our Nutritional Assistance programs. Kentucky Work recipients provide stable support for food preparation and process over 3,000 pounds of rescued food a week. We have an average of over 70 volunteers providing over 1,000 hours towards our Nutritional Assistance programs. NM has committed to securing additional funding and support for our Nutritional Access programs, including other grant sources such as the Good Samaritan Grant and donor drives such as the Good Giving Campaign.

5.3.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy

15 Points

Demonstrate how the program will ensure services are available and accessible by all potential participants, especially related to language barriers for persons with limited English proficiency, including a language access plan; persons with physical or other disabilities; and persons impacted by poverty and economic distress.

Has your organization enacted any policies (or employs any standard operating procedures) to ensure equitable service opportunity and / or benefit program to a diverse cross-section of the greater community? How does your proposal support or enhance the recommendations made by the Mayor's Commission on Racial Justice & Equality?

In looking at the demographics of the VRC, it is easy to see that the neighborhoods we serve are very diverse. 73% of Cardinal Valley Elementary School students are hispanic (highest in FC), which underscores the need for Spanish language support for our clients. We have two full time staff who are fluent in Spanish. Additionally, if a client speaks another language, our partnership with Access Language Solutions provides translation over the phone or through an appointment. Regarding physical disabilities, our campus and buildings can easily be accessed without physical barriers. Homebound seniors can give family or friends authority to shop at Mission Market or pick up Senior Commodities on their behalf. We regularly interact with clients who have mental and emotional disabilities. Staff and volunteers are trained in a trauma-informed approach that realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery, recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma, and integrates this knowledge into procedures and practices so that NM can effectively meet all client's needs.

All staff receive civil rights training. Program spaces display the "Justice for All Poster," which informs clients how to file a complaint. Every participant must receive fair and equitable treatment regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, orientation, age, or disability.

6.0 Program Budget Summary Form Instructions

Proposal Submittal shall be considered incomplete and shall be rejected without completed Budget Summary Form. (Including total amount of ESR grant request for the first year of the cycle, Fiscal Year 2025.)

For organizations requesting funding for more than one program in this RFP, combine into a single Program Budget narrative for the proposal.

Please note that the Program Budget will be part of the grantee agreement with LFUCG and regular tracking and expenditure reporting will be required.

To ensure readability and uniformity, please use the Program Budget form included. Provide brief line-item detail as specified in each section below and verify all calculations.

This section provides a summary of the total proposed Program Budget for FY 2025. It requests the allocation of all projected funding amounts (City and non-City sources) for anticipated FY 2025 program expenditures. The allocation for FY 2026 shall be the same as FY 2025.

Total Program Budget

Column A should reflect projected expenditures for the entire program (not just the proposed LFUCG ESR grant funding request portion). When the chart is completed this column should equal ESR Grant Funding Request plus other/non-ESR program funding. (A=B+C)

ESR Grant Funding Request

Column B is the grant amount being requested from this RFP to support this program's services to eligible Fayette County Participants.

Non-LFUCG Program Funding

Column C is the non-LFUCG ESR funding that is allocated to the Total Program Budget (A-B = C).

This form is for the budget for the PROGRAM applying for ESR funds, not the total agency budget.

For each category identify the amount requested and the amount to be leveraged through other programs or organizations (if applicable).

Staff Salaries – Identify the number of Full-time position salaries allocated to the program, and part-time positions allocated to the program, and the amounts of each allocated to Columns A, B, & C.

Consultant Services – In the "List Details" box, briefly describe any expenses associated with providing expanded supportive services or other services for which the organization intends to contract with another entity. Any of these expenses to be provided by the proposing organization should be included in other line items.

Space/Facilities – In the "List Details" box, briefly list the basis of the allocation of rental costs, utilities, janitorial costs, and any other facility costs for the Program. Identify any office or program space in an LFUCG owned building, and any other costs (rent, monthly utilities, etc.) reimbursed to LFUCG.

Scholarships/Stipends – In the "List Details" box, **briefly** list the type of scholarships or stipends, and include the number of people or organizations to receive funds.

Operating Expenses – In the "List Details" box, **briefly** list the costs associated with expenses, supplies, utilities, and any other expense associated directly with the operation of the project.

Other - In the "List Details" box, briefly list any other costs for the Program not covered above.

PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY Budget for Year One (FY2025) of Cycle; Budget for Year Two (FY2026) to be the same Agency Name The Nathaniel Mission Program Name NM Nutritional Access Programs FY2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) Total Program Budget Column A Column B ESR Column C Only fill columns B &C; **Total Program Grant Funding** Non-ESR Program they will automatically sum in Column A Budget [= B+C] Funding [A-B] Request # of 1. Staff Salaries for Program **Employees:** 2 \$75.000.00 \$30,000.00 \$45,000.00 Full-Time (FTE) 2 \$55.000.00 \$20,000.00 \$35,000.00 Part-Time \$130,000.00 \$50,000.00 \$80,000.00 **Total Salaries** \$1,000.00 3. Consultant Services \$1,000.00 \$0.00 Access Language Services for client translation. list details \$41,500.00 \$10,000.00 \$31,500.00 4. Space/Facilities Mortgage, utilities, cleaning, and supply costs for the portion of our facilities (33%) devoted to these programs. list details \$42,000,00 \$20,000.00 \$22,000,00 5. Operating Expenses Costs associated with purchasing food items and supplies for the Mission Market, meals, and kitchen equipment. list details 6. Scholarships / Stipends \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 list details numbers & amounts \$1,800.00 \$1.800.00 7. Other \$0.00 Client database and communication software list details \$216,300.00 \$82,800.00 8. TOTAL FY25 PROGRAM BUDGET \$133,500.00 Brief detail on Cost per Participant: otal program costs divided by number of all participants annually in programs. Cost per Program Participant: \$6.64 I understand that this document in its entirety is incorporated into my grant Agreement with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. Daniel Baer Authorized Representative (typed name): **Executive Director** 4.23.24 Title:

Date: