



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

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

**DATE:** May 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Application under the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant- Fire Prevention and Safety for Division of Fire and Emergency Services

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) requesting federal funding in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase hard wired and 10 year sealed smoke alarms. Match of 5% is required in the amount of \$1,250 and included in Mayor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2021.

**Purpose of Request:** The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards. The FP&S grant program accomplishes this by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development.

The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death, injuries and property damage caused by fire and fire-related hazards. Residential fires remain the cause of approximately 80 percent of fire deaths each year. The purpose of this project is to purchase new hard wired and 10 year battery smoke alarms to install in Fayette County, with the overall goal of making Lexington an even safer place to live.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** If the grant is approved, federal funds in the amount of \$25,000 will be awarded, requiring a 5% match of \$1,250. Matching funds included in FY21 Mayor’s Proposed Budget.

**Are the funds budgeted?** A budget amendment will be completed if approved.

**File Number:** 0473-20

**Director/Commissioner:** Chilton/Armstrong

