

PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT, made and entered into on the _____ day of _____ 2026, by and between the **LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**, an urban county government of the COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY created pursuant to KRS Chapter 67A ("LFUCG"), 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, on behalf of its Department of Social Services (hereinafter "Sponsor"), and Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc. with offices located at 154 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington, KY 40502 ("Organization").

WITNESSETH

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. EFFECTIVE DATE; TERM. LFUCG hereby retains Organization for the period beginning on July 1, 2026, and continuing for a period of two (2) years from that date unless terminated by LFUCG at an earlier time.

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS. This Agreement shall consist of the terms herein as well as the following additional documents, which are attached hereto as exhibits and incorporated herein by reference as if fully stated:

- a. Exhibit "A" - RFP #14-2026
- b. Exhibit "B" - Organization's Response to RFP #14-2026

To the extent that there is any conflict between or among any of these documents, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall prevail, followed by terms and provisions of Exhibit "A" and "B" in that order.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES. Organization shall perform the services outlined in the attached Exhibits for LFUCG in a timely, workmanlike and professional manner (the "Services"). Organization shall perform the Services faithfully and satisfactorily at the time, place, and for the duration prescribed herein. Any alteration in the nature of such Services constitutes an amendment to this Agreement and must be in writing signed by both parties.

4. PAYMENT. LFUCG shall pay Organization a total amount not to exceed One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) for Fiscal Year 2027 and exceed exceed One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) for Fiscal Year 2028 for the performance of the Services, one-fourth (1/4th) of which shall be payable upon receipt of

the first invoice (for July through December 2026), with one-eighth (1/8th) payable each quarter thereafter upon submission of a quarterly invoice and a detailed program report as required pursuant to Section 6(a) of this Agreement. The funds are limited to the services provided herein and may not be spent by the Organization for any other purpose without the prior written consent of LFUCG.

a. The first invoice shall be received by LFUCG on or before August 31, 2026. Thereafter, quarterly invoices shall be submitted by January 22, 2027, April 23, 2027, July 23, 2027, October 22, 2027, January 21, 2028, and April 28, 2028.

b. LFUCG shall make payment under this Agreement upon timely submission of an invoice(s) from Organization, accompanied by data satisfactory to LFUCG to document the Services performed to date, per section 6(a) of this Agreement. LFUCG shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the invoice to pay the invoice amount. LFUCG reserves the right to refuse payment if it is determined by LFUCG that the Services performed or materials provided for the Services are inadequate or defective.

c. LFUCG also reserves the right to reject any invoice submitted for services more than sixty (60) days after the services were rendered.

5. TERMINATION. LFUCG, through the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, may terminate this Agreement for any reason whatsoever by providing Organization with at least thirty (30) days advance written notice. Organization shall be entitled for payment of all work performed up to that period of time, calculated on a reasonable basis.

a. In the event of a termination based upon a material condition of non-performance or default by Organization, LFUCG shall provide Organization advance written notice and a reasonable period of time to cure the breach.

b. Organization may only terminate this Agreement based upon LFUCG's failure to timely pay for properly invoiced and accepted work. Organization shall provide LFUCG with at least thirty (30) days advance written notice and an opportunity to cure prior to termination.

c. Organization acknowledges that LFUCG is a governmental entity, and that the validity of this Agreement is based upon the availability of appropriated funding. In the event that such funding is not appropriated in a future fiscal year, LFUCG's obligations under this Agreement shall automatically expire without penalty to the LFUCG thirty (30) days after written notice to Organization. LFUCG shall exercise any application of this provision in good faith.

6. REPORTING. Organization shall provide LFUCG with timely reports and updates related to the provisions of the Services in the form and manner reasonably specified by LFUCG.

- a. A detailed program report for July 2026 through December 2026 shall be submitted by January 22, 2027. Thereafter, quarterly detailed program reports shall be submitted by April 23, 2027, July 23, 2027, October 22, 2027, January 21, 2028, and April 28, 2028.
- b. A two-year-end program report shall be submitted by July 28, 2028.
- c. Reports shall reflect the services and programs directly related to the funding provided by LFUCG with emphasis on measurable outcomes, and specifically outlined in the funding application.

7. REGISTRATION; COMPLIANCE; AUTHORITY TO SIGN. Organization shall be lawfully registered or authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Lexington-Fayette County and shall at all times comply with any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. LFUCG may request proof that Organization has timely filed federal, state, or local tax forms which shall be provided by Organization on a timely basis. The person signing this Agreement on behalf of Organization is fully authorized to do so.

8. INSURANCE; INDEMNITY.

- a. At all times relevant to the performance of this Agreement, Organization shall maintain insurance coverages in at least the following amounts, which shall be properly filed and approved by the Kentucky Department of Insurance. Evidence of such coverage shall be made available to LFUCG upon request. General Liability (\$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million aggregate or \$2 million combined single limit); Commercial Automobile Liability (combined single, \$1 million per occurrence) only if Organization utilizes automobiles in the performance of this Agreement; (if applicable) Professional Liability (\$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million aggregate); Worker's Compensation (Statutory); and Employer's Liability (\$1 million).
- b. Organization shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless LFUCG and its 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 Organization or its officials, employees, or agents; and (b) not caused solely by willful misconduct of LFUCG.

c. Organization understands and agrees that its obligation to defend LFUCG 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 LFUCG, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

d. Organization further understands and agrees that its 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 LFUCG, and damage to, or destruction of, any property, including the property of LFUCG.

e. This provision shall in no way be limited by any financial responsibility or insurance requirements, and shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

f. Organization understands that LFUCG is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and acknowledges and agrees that LFUCG is unable to provide indemnity or otherwise save, hold harmless, or defend the Organization in any manner.

9. RECORDS. Organization shall keep and make available to LFUCG any records related to this Agreement as are necessary to support its performance of the services for a period of at least five (5) years following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or as otherwise required depending upon the source of funds. Books of accounts shall be kept by Organization and entries shall be made therein of all money, goods, effects, debts, sales, purchases, receipts, payments and any other transactions of Organization related to this Agreement and shall be made available to LFUCG upon request.

a. LFUCG shall be the owner of all final documents, data, studies, plans, reports, and information prepared by Organization under this Agreement.

b. Organization understands and agrees that this Agreement and any related documents may be subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act and will comply with any reasonable request by LFUCG to provide assistance with such a request.

10. ACCESS. Organization shall allow LFUCG any necessary reasonable access to monitor its performance under this Agreement.

11. CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP ONLY. In no event shall the parties be construed, held or become in any way for any purpose the employee of the other party, or partners, associates or joint ventures in the conduct of their respective endeavors or otherwise.

12. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY; FAIRNESS ORDINANCE. Organization shall provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, and shall (a) prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or handicap and (b) cause any subcontractor or agency receiving funds provided pursuant to this Agreement to do so. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices. Organization agrees to comply with LFUCG's Fairness Ordinance (Ordinance No. 201-99) and all sources of applicable law, including those specified in any Exhibit attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference.

13. SEXUAL HARASSMENT. Organization must adopt or have adopted 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 made available to LFUCG upon request.

14. ANNUAL AUDIT. Organization shall comply with the audit requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, if applicable. LFUCG shall also have the option to request an audit of all revenue and expenditures related to this Agreement. If such an audit is requested by LFUCG, the audit shall be conducted by independent certified public accountants at Organization's expense, who shall express an opinion as to whether or not revenue and expenditures during the year audited have conformed to state and local law and regulation. For any audit performed, including a 2 CFR Part 200 audit, a copy of the audit, or clean audit opinion letter from an independent certified public accountant, shall be submitted to LFUCG upon request.

15. INVESTMENT. Any investment of the funds received pursuant to this Agreement must fully comply with any restrictions imposed by law.

16. NO ASSIGNMENT. Organization may not assign any of its rights and duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of LFUCG.

17. NO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS. This Agreement does not create a contractual relationship with or right of action in favor of a third party against either Organization or LFUCG.

18. KENTUCKY LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and venue for all actions shall lie in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, Kentucky.

19. AMENDMENTS. By mutual agreement, the parties to this Agreement may, from time to time, make written changes to any provision hereof. Organization acknowledges that LFUCG may make such changes only upon approval of its legislative authority, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, and the signature of its Mayor.

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

For Organization:

Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc.
154 N. Ashland Ave.
Lexington, KY 40502
Attn: Winn Stephens, Executive Director

For Government:

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
Attn: Kacy Allen-Bryant, Commissioner,
Department of Social Services

21. WAIVER. The waiver by either party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a continuing waiver or waiver of any subsequent breach by either party of either the same or another provision.

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, which are not embodied herein shall be effective for any purpose. This Agreement shall replace any previous agreement between the parties on the same subject matter.

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

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN
COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BY: _____
LINDA GORTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Urban County Council

Children's Advocacy Center
of the Bluegrass, Inc.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____

WITNESS: _____

DATE: _____

Exhibit A



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Request for Proposals

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for **#14-2026 Community Wellness & Safety – 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 30, 2026**. All forms and information requested in RFP #14-2026 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. Program 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. Program Measures & Evaluation	
2.1 Service Efficacy & Desired Outcomes	10
2.2 Client Empowerment & Community Impact	10
2.3 Data Assessment & Quality Improvement	10
	Subtotal 30
3. Capacity & Sustainability	
3.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience	5
3.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage	5
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 IonWave 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.

AFFIDAVIT

Comes the Affiant, Taylor Ballinger, and after being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. His/her name is Taylor Ballinger and he/she is the individual submitting the proposal or is the authorized representative of Children's Advocacy Ctr of the Bluegrass, Inc., 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.

Taylor Ballinger

STATE OF Kentucky

COUNTY OF Fayette

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me
by Taylor Ballinger on this the 28 day
of April, 2020.

My Commission expires: 9/7/29

Laura Elizabeth Atkinson

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE AT LARGE



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:

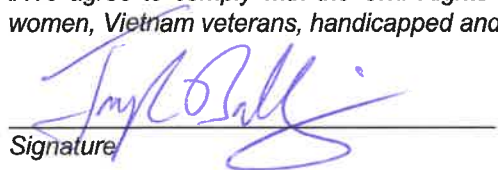
The Secretary of Labor may investigate the employment practices of any Government contractor or sub-contractor to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in Section 202 of this order have been violated.

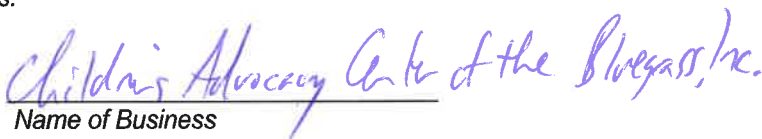
The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government practices Equal Opportunity in recruiting, hiring and promoting. It is the Government's intent to affirmatively provide employment opportunities for those individuals who have previously not been allowed to enter into the mainstream of society. Because of 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


Name of Business

WORKFORCE ANALYSIS FORM

Name of Organization: Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc.

Categories	Total	White (Not Hispanic or Latino)		Hispanic or Latino		Black or African- American (Not Hispanic or Latino)		Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino)		Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino)		American Indian or Alaskan Native (not Hispanic or Latino)		Two or more races (Not Hispanic or Latino)		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Administrators	4	2	2													2	2
Professionals	16		15		1												16
Superintendents																	
Supervisors																	
Foremen																	
Technicians																	
Protective Service																	
Para-Professionals																	
Office/Clerical	2		2														2
Skilled Craft																	
Service/Maintenance																	
Total:	22	2	19		1											2	20

Prepared by: Taylor Bollinger, Development Director Date: 4 / 27 / 2026
 (Name and Title)

Revised 2015-Dec-15

Firm Submitting Proposal: Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc.

Complete Address: 154 N. Ashland Ave Lexington 40502
Street City Zip

Contact Name: Taylor Ballinger Title: Development Director

Telephone Number: 859-225-5437 Fax Number: 859-225-1102

Email address: taylor@kykids.org

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, safety or welfare of the LFUCG or its citizens.

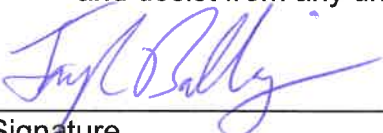
B. At Will Termination

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.

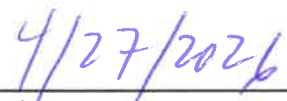
13. Assignment of Contract: The contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the Contract without the express written consent of LFUCG. Any purported assignment or subcontract in violation hereof shall be void. It is expressly acknowledged that LFUCG shall never be required or obligated 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



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Request for Proposals

Extended Social Resources (ESR) Grant Program
Priority Area: Community Wellness & Safety

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 [Candid.org](https://www.candid.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 – before 2:00 PM EST April 30th, 2026.
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 2027 and 2028 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028), 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: Community Wellness & Safety

Projected funding is approximately \$995,700 of total ESR Grant Program Community Based Initiatives Award. This amount is subject to change upon Council ratification of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

LFUCG seeks to strengthen and enhance Community Wellness and Safety by supporting programs and services addressing community wellness, including ***Substance Use Disorder and Community Violence Intervention***. 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 **501(c)3** tax exempt status and with a physical business or program site location in Fayette County (hereinafter, referred to as "Applicant") for ESR funding for FY2027 & 2028 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028). This funding is intended to support agency **programs** which respond to the **funding priorities** established herein. **THIS FUNDING IS NOT 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, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

2.3 **ESR Grant Informational Workshop**

The Department of Social Services conducted a meeting on March 25th, 2026 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 30th, 2026 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 30th, 2026). 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 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.**

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 **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 16th, 2026 at 2:00 PM EST

3.0 **FUNDING PROCESS**

3.1 **Timeline**

This Request for Proposals is being released on **March 26th, 2026**, and is made available to the public and all potentially eligible applicants. **An informational and question and answer meeting will be held on Teams on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at 3:00 PM EST**

[Click here to Join Technical Q&A Teams Meeting](#)

<https://bit.ly/3NIII1D>

Meeting ID: 284 982 946 534 95

Passcode: Et6JG6G9

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 30th, 2026**, and late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted or evaluated.

The LFUCG intends to conduct proposal evaluation in April and May 2026 immediately following the proposal due date, with the intention to make funding announcements approximately in June, 2026. 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, 2026. No funds may be expended prior to the execution of a funding agreement and grantees will not be reimbursed for pre-award 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 30th, 2026 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 Program Proposal & Design	
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	Subtotal 45
5.2 Program Measures & Evaluation	
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5.2.2 Client Empowerment & Community Impact	10
5.2.3 Data Assessment & Quality Improvement	10
	Subtotal 30
5.3 Capacity & Sustainability	
5.3.1 Staff Qualifications & Experience	5
5.3.2 Partnership & Resource Leverage	5
5.3.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy	15
	Subtotal 25
TOTAL	100

Funding Priority Area: Community Wellness & Safety

Projected funding is \$995,700 of ESR Grant Program – Community Based Initiatives

LFUCG seeks to strengthen and enhance Community Wellness and Safety, by supporting programs and services addressing **Substance Use Disorder and Community Violence Prevention**. 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.

- **Substance Use Disorder**, which includes prevention of alcohol and drug abuse; prevention and treatment of addictive disorders through programs and services for individuals who suffer from these disorders; and harm reduction.
- **Community Violence Prevention**, which includes **Youth Violence Intervention**, including Gang & Gun Violence, Child Abuse & Neglect Services, Sexual Violence Prevention, Elder Abuse Prevention, Suicide Prevention and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Stalking.

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, and specifically to 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 does your organization employ any standard operating procedures) to ensure that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of program services on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or other protected status? How does your proposal support or enhance the objective of equal opportunity in the provision of program services?

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 FY27 ESR grant request)

Budget Form will be for Fiscal Year 2027 ESR Request only. Funds awarded for Fiscal Year 2028 shall be the same amount as awarded for Fiscal Year 2027, and contingent on Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2028 budget.

Exhibit B



PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM

Agency Information

Agency Name: Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc.

Mailing Address: 154 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington, KY 40502

Street Address: 162 N. Ashland Ave., Lexington, KY 40502

Phone: (859) 225 - 5437

Is your Agency registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization?

*Note: Agencies **must** be registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization to be eligible for ESR Program funding.*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does your agency have a Gold Seal of Transparency or higher profile on Candid.org?

*Note: Agencies **must** have a Gold Seal of Transparency or higher profile with Candid.org to be eligible for ESR funding.*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Website Address: www.kykids.org

Agency Representative (typically the Executive Director - Name, Title, Phone, Email):

Winn Stephens, Executive Director, 859-225-5437, winn@kykids.org

Person Completing Application (Name, Title, Phone, Email):

Taylor Ballinger, Development Director, 859-225-5437, taylor@kykids.org

Program Information

Name of program for which funds are being requested: Victim Services Program

Total Funding Amount Requested: \$ 225,000

RFP #14-2026 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 follow-up 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.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Kentucky's rate of child abuse in 2025 was 14 per 100,000, the fifth highest rate in the country, nearly double the national average (7.2). However, unreported cases of abuse outnumber reported cases, and nationwide, one-in-ten children will be victims of sexual abuse before turning 18. Since 2024, 7,980 reports of child abuse were made in Fayette County alone, with 568 of those reports indicating sexual abuse, demonstrating the great need for quality, coordinated care for child victims of abuse.

Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass (CACBG) works to reduce the trauma experienced by child victims of sexual abuse. CACBG collaborates with law enforcement, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and the Fayette County and Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices to coordinate the treatment, investigation, and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases in Fayette County. CACBG is the only agency in Fayette County providing these services. All services are implemented by highly trained and dedicated staff in a safe, child-friendly facility. Through a multidisciplinary approach, CACBG helps children receive the care and support needed to heal.

Untreated child abuse has a detrimental impact on survivors' well-being as adults. According to a 2023 report published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the lifetime cost for survivors of untreated childhood trauma averages \$2.4 million per survivor. Since 2024, CACBG has provided a combined 13,702 services including forensic interviews, advocacy services, medical exams, and therapy sessions for 3,025 clients (children/caregivers) in Fayette County.

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.

CACBG addresses childhood sexual abuse in Fayette County by coordinating the treatment, investigation, and prosecution of each case, ensuring the child is safe and receives the support they need to heal. CACBG hosts weekly Multidisciplinary Team meetings which include child protective services, law enforcement, prosecutors, medical/mental health providers, victim advocates, etc., who collaborate to investigate abuse allegations and provide support services to children/families.

Best-practice and Kentucky statute states that children should receive a forensic interview at CACBG after abuse is reported. Forensic interviews are supportive, non-leading conversations led by highly-trained interviewers that elicit information about the child's experience. Investigators and social workers observe interviews remotely at CACBG, improving collaboration. Interviews typically last one session.

CACBG Family Advocates meet on-site with non-offending caregivers to explain CACBG services, inform about therapy and community-based services, and provide information regarding their case. Advocates manage the child's case throughout the process, and provide multiple follow-up support checks with families during the investigation, prosecution, and beyond.

If necessary, a comprehensive medical examination is scheduled in CACBG's medical clinic, which is operated by a pediatrician, nurse, and mental health practitioner specializing in the treatment of childhood sexual abuse. Exams allow the medical team to diagnose and treat injury, test for sexually transmitted infections, collect forensic evidence, assess behavioral and emotional problems, and make additional referrals. Exams typically last 90 minutes.

Trauma-focused therapy services are provided at CACBG and based on the child's needs. Most average 12-16 sessions. Group therapy sessions are offered on an as needed basis.

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.)

Clients of CACBG are children, up to age 18, who are suspected victims of sexual abuse in Fayette County, along with their non-offending caregivers. Clients are referred by law enforcement or child protective services after a report has been made. Once a case is opened, CACBG staff coordinate services between law enforcement, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and the Fayette County and Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices. CACBG also serves secondary victims (caregivers or siblings) who are at-risk, or who have witnessed abuse.

While at CACBG, non-offending caregivers participate in a discussion with our family advocates regarding their child's case. Caregivers are asked for consent for the interview and/or medical exam of their child. Caregivers and children are given resources for managing trauma responses, and work with family advocates to access additional community resources as needed. Caregivers are asked to engage with family advocates through the duration of their child's case to ensure the child is accessing available resources.

If a child is referred for therapy at CACBG, sessions take place on-site at our Center. However, CACBG can provide therapy at the child's school thanks to a partnership with FCPS when transportation is a barrier or requires a child to miss school. Successful therapy requires caregiver engagement and consent, and the consistent engagement of the child victim.

Non-offending caregivers are expected to transport their child to CACBG. If transportation is a barrier CACBG will reimburse costs, provide Lyfts, or utilize CACBG's van.

All services are free of charge.

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.

CACBG's holistic approach ensures better outcomes and experiences for children and families than at non-CAC comparison sites (Jones, L.M. et al., 2007). A nationwide survey shows that 97% of non-offending caregivers would recommend a CAC (National Children's Alliance, 2015). The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) includes all agencies involved in the treatment, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse cases. Research shows the MDT approach results in better mental health and investigative outcomes (Herbert, J.L. and Bromfield, L., 2019). Studies also show that effective responses to child abuse come from a variety of agencies working together who are equipped with the knowledge and experience in working child abuse investigations (Young, T.L., and Nelson-Gardell, D., 2018).

Forensic interviewing protocols used by CACBG are evidence-based. According to research, duplicative interviews where children are asked similar questions repeatedly may lead to a variety of negative investigative and mental health consequences (Newlin, C.S. et al., 2015).

CACBG therapy services use Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). Children participating in TF-CBT show decreases in PTSD symptoms, depression, anxiety, behavior problems, shame, cognitive distortions, and relationship difficulties (Cohen and Mannarino, 2017).

CACBG saves court, child protection, and investigative dollars averaging \$1,500 per case [in 2006 dollars, equivalent to \$2,500 in 2026] (Formby, J. et al., 2006). In Fayette County in 2025, that accounted for over \$1.3 million in savings. CACBG also holds offenders accountable. Usage of CACs results in increased successful prosecutions of perpetrators, with an average 94% conviction rate for CAC cases carried forward (Walsh, W.A. et al., 2008).

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?

CACBG's goal is for child victims to overcome the trauma of sexual abuse via services delivered in an effective, coordinated manner, and to hold offenders accountable.

Before CACBG's founding, child victims often retold their story to multiple agencies, thus reliving their trauma. By conducting, recording, and securely storing forensic interviews, CACBG better coordinates with involved agencies, and significantly reduces how often a child recounts their story. Most clients complete the interview in one visit.

Advocates help families navigate the legal process and provide crisis counseling and individualized case management services. 91% of child sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone known and/or trusted by the family, putting families in crisis following abuse. Advocates' goals are to connect families with additional resources, and be a source of support throughout the case.

Medical exams last around 90 minutes and identify/treat injury, collect evidence, screen for other health conditions, and provide additional referrals. CACBG's physicians perform a well-child examination and the mental health specialist performs a mental health screening. Exams provide reassurance for children and families and help the child heal physically and emotionally.

CACBG therapists utilize a 12-16 session trauma-informed counseling program to increase coping skills, help children process and heal from traumatic thoughts, and improve their capacity for safety. CACBG's therapists set goals with children during the first session, and the child graduates once goals are met.

CACBG coordinates the investigation of each case. According to Commonwealth's Attorney's office reporting, conviction rates have risen to over 95% for cases receiving CACBG services.

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.)

CACBG services make a significant difference in the lives of children and families. Children and caregivers receive supports to help heal following abuse, and services are provided in a safe, child-friendly setting. According to anonymous survey data, 98% of caregivers feel CACBG provided them with adequate resources to support and respond to their child's needs, 98% were satisfied with the answers provided by CACBG, and over 99% felt CACBG created a safe environment.

Medical exams offer caregivers and children peace of mind, and ensure the safety and health of the child. Identifying injuries and collecting evidence also helps in the legal case.

Through therapy, children address emotional and psychological issues stemming from abuse. Children often experience nightmares, behavior and mood changes, and feelings of anxiety, fear, or guilt. Over 90% of CACBG therapy patients show a reduction in trauma symptoms as evidenced by pre- and post-assessments.

One example of our therapy program's impact came last year, when a boy who had been abused came to CACBG. His mother pulled him out of Kindergarten due to behavioral problems caused by his trauma, and reached out to CACBG therapists for support. After several sessions he developed healthy coping mechanisms and strategies to process his trauma, and is now thriving at school.

The lifetime cost of untreated childhood trauma is over \$2.4 million per survivor, including health care costs, counseling, and productivity losses. Investing in CACBG makes Lexington a safer/healthier place for children, and saves over \$1 million in direct costs annually.

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.**

Continuous quality assurance is a hallmark of CACBG's operation. This requires seeking feedback directly from clients regarding services they received so improvements may be made. All non-offending caregivers are asked to complete an Operating Measuring System (OMS) survey that is designed to measure CACBG's performance based on client satisfaction. OMS helps CACBG see from the client's perspective and fill any gaps in services.

In addition to survey data indicating over 98% of non-offending caregivers had their questions answered satisfactorily and over 99% felt it was a safe place for their child, 97% of caregivers felt they knew what to expect in the healing process and legal proceedings following their child's appointment. One respondent said, "They were so welcoming, nice, understanding, and comforting."

CACBG's Medical Director and Family Advocates track the number of cases they see (and key information from each case) through client files and the Center's statewide database, Collaborate, and are updated daily.

Therapists utilize a pre- and post-assessment using a child behavior checklist. This assessment helps address specific issues and determines the desired outcomes for each child. The goal is at least 75% of therapy clients will report improvement of mental health symptoms. Current data indicates over 90% of therapy clients report improvement. Data is gathered and examined monthly to look for quality improvement.

This data is used by Fayette County law enforcement and social workers to track child abuse cases, and OMS statistics and results are included in aggregated state, regional, and national reports.

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.

All CACBG program staff must meet stringent educational and experiential standards set by CACBG's national accrediting body (National Children's Alliance or "NCA"). In 2026, CACBG received our five-year reaccreditation with NCA reviewers providing no recommendations for improvement.

Further, each program team member must undergo a minimum number of continuing education units (the number varies by field) annually to maintain licensure and Center accreditation. The Victim Services Program encompasses our advocacy, medical, and therapy departments. The CACBG team leaders tasked with implementing this program are:

Program Director - Jennifer Johnson Koch serves as the supervisor to all staff within the Victim Services Program and is responsible for monitoring and evaluating CACBG services. She has 15 years of experience in the field.

Family Advocates - Whitney Roepke MSW/CSW leads a team of four family advocates (over 40 years of combined experience) who work with families to help them understand the dynamics of abuse and navigate the legal process. This includes crisis counseling, support groups, and case management services.

Therapist - Niamh Bolton LCSW provides counseling and therapy to child victims of sexual abuse to promote healing and recovery. CACBG therapists must have experience providing clinical services for children and be certified in an evidence-based practice.

Medical Clinic - Jacqueline Sugarman MD, Jennie Green MD, Carolyn Wilkinson LCSW, and Lauren Besednjak APRN & SANE P/A provide on-site medical exams to children who have reported abuse. CACBG clinicians are specially trained to holistically treat child victims of sexual abuse, both physically and emotionally.

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.

CACBG's Victim Services Program directly addresses issues prioritized in this grant. CACBG provides violence intervention and therapy for children and their non-offending caregivers. By providing free therapy, CACBG is supporting the city's goal of addressing mental health issues. CACBG contracts with UK HealthCare to employ a child abuse pediatrician to provide free medical exams. CACBG also regularly hosts social worker practicum students.

CACBG relies on many committed partners, working daily with state and local law enforcement, state and county social workers, prosecuting attorneys, and organizations such as CASA and FCPS. CACBG provides over 30 hours of trainings annually on best-practices for handling child abuse cases for Lexington Police officers, FCPS police and school counselors, and DCBS case workers. CACBG partners sign a "best-practice protocol" agreement that is submitted to the Attorney General's office. Kentucky statute states that a child involved in a sexual abuse investigation should be referred to a CAC, and CACBG is the only organization that coordinates each case in Fayette County.

CACBG is thankful for the support received from a diverse set of donors. Funding areas include the Victims of Crime Act, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Safety, private grants and foundations, individual donors, and one annual fundraiser. The CACBG Board of Directors provides fiscal oversight and administration of all Center activities.

5.3.3 Outreach & Inclusion Strategy

15 Points

Demonstrate how the program will ensure services are available and accessible by all potential participants, and specifically to 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 does your organization employ any standard operating procedures) to ensure that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of program services on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or other protected status? How does your proposal support or enhance the objective of equal opportunity in the provision of program services?

All children, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, disability and other historical barriers deserve access to the hope and healing that comes from CACBG services. CACBG takes this commitment seriously, and all staff are required to take a minimum of 4 hours of annual DEI trainings approved by the National Children's Alliance, the accrediting body for CACs across the country.

CACBG has a full-time Intake Coordinator who is fluent in Spanish and English and serves as the contact for Spanish-speaking clients. CACBG also provides free interpretation services for clients with limited English proficiency. In 2025, interpretive services were provided in Spanish, Swahili, Ukrainian, French, Nepali, Arabic, and Tzotzil. Documents provided for families are available in English, Spanish, Swahili, Arabic, and Nepali.

Transportation should never be a barrier to a child and family receiving CACBG services. CACBG is accessible through public transportation. As needed, CACBG will provide Lyft at no cost to families, or can transport clients via our van. Children and families are also offered food and drink, as many children may miss a school meal while receiving services.

CACBG also has accessible therapy options. Therapy can be done remotely, through HIPAA-compliant telehealth sessions, if transportation or scheduling is a barrier. Therapy can also be provided on-site at the child's school (if enrolled in FCPS). CACBG is ADA compliant to allow individuals with physical disabilities access to all Center services.

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 2027.)

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 2027. It requests the allocation of all projected funding amounts (City and non-City sources) for anticipated FY 2027 program expenditures. The allocation for FY 2028 shall be the same as FY 2027.

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 (FY2027) of Cycle; Budget for Year Two (FY2028) to be the sameAgency Name **Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Inc.**Program Name **Victim Services Program****FY2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027) Total Program Budget****Only fill columns B & C;
they will automatically sum in Column A**

		Column A Total Program Budget [= B+C]	Column B ESR Grant Funding Request	Column C Non-ESR Program Funding [A-B]
1. Staff Salaries for Program	# of Employees:			
Full-Time (FTE)	9	329,180	164,590	164,590
Part-Time	1	12,655	6,327	6,328
Total Salaries		341,835	170,917	170,918
3. Consultant Services	\$	0		
list details				
4. Space/Facilities	\$	50,000	22,501	27,499
list details	building and grounds maintenance, depreciation, insurance			
5. Operating Expenses	\$	42,000	21,000	21,000
list details	utilities, telephone/internet, supplies, printing, etc.			
6. Scholarships / Stipends	\$	0		
list details - numbers & amounts				
7. Other	\$	21,165	10,582	10,583
list details	client transportation, language interpreters for victims and families, medical laboratory fees, travel and training for personnel, contract for physician services.			
8. TOTAL FY27 PROGRAM BUDGET	\$	455,000	225,000	230,000

Cost per Program Participant: \$1,000**Brief detail on Cost per Participant:**

Projection of approximately 455 children (new clients) served per year.

I understand that this document in its entirety is incorporated into my grant Agreement
with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.**Authorized Representative** (typed name): **Taylor Ballinger****Title:** **Development Director****Date:** **April 23, 2026**