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TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
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FROM: 9-2-26
Mark Sander, P.E., Interim Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: September 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation for a FY27 (Class B Education) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for The Living Arts and Science Center, Inc.

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an FY27 (Class B Education) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for The Living Arts and Science Center, Inc., in the amount of $39,000.00.

Purpose of Request

Grant funds are to be used to implement "*Water Explorers*," a program delivering 30 free, hands-on field trips focused on stormwater awareness and water quality. The initiative will serve approximately 3,000 elementary students from Fayette County and surrounding communities, prioritizing Title I schools. Through immersive programming aligned with Kentucky Academic Science Standards, students will learn how water systems function, what stormwater is, how it becomes polluted, and how individuals can help protect local waterways. Each visit includes four rotating learning experiences designed to build scientific understanding and environmental stewardship.

Project Cost in FY27 and in Future Budget Years

The grant has been approved for FY 2027 funding by the Water Quality Fees Board in the amount of $39,000.00.

Are Funds Budgeted

Funds are budgeted in: 4052 – 303204 – 3373 – 78112 – WQINCENTIVE_27 – WQ_GRANT

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