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

FROM: **THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR**
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: **September 25, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Acceptance of $50,000 Grant Award from Blue Grass Community Foundation for the Martin Luther King Boulevard Complete Streets Project**

Request: Council authorization to accept a $50,000 grant from Blue Grass Community Foundation (BGCF) and execute a Memorandum of Understanding in support of the Martin Luther King Boulevard Complete Streets Project, undertaken as part of the Reimagining the Civic Commons (RCC) initiative. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: Blue Grass Community Foundation is providing a $50,000 grant to support the planning, design, implementation, engagement, and evaluation of Complete Streets improvements along Martin Luther King Boulevard. The project will use an incremental, pilot-based approach to test improvements that enhance safety, accessibility, connectivity, and the overall experience for people using the corridor. Grant funds may support project planning and design, community engagement, temporary or interim improvements, placemaking and activation, project evaluation, and documentation.

The project is part of Lexington's participation in the Reimagining the Civic Commons initiative and supports RCC goals related to civic engagement, inclusive use of public space, environmental sustainability, and equitable community value. The project will also provide an opportunity to test and evaluate approaches that can inform longer-term improvements along the Martin Luther King Boulevard corridor and future Complete Streets investments in Lexington. LFUCG will lead project management and coordination in partnership with Civic Lex, BGCF, relevant LFUCG divisions, and other community partners.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? $50,000 in grant funding. No local match is required. Grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2027.

Are the funds budgeted?
Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Peacher/Scott