



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

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

**DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2020**

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Comprehensive Opioid,  
Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program Grant**

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**Request:** Request Council authorization to accept \$511,078 in federal funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program to create the Lexington Overdose Outreach Project-2 (LOOP-2).

**Purpose of Request:** The Lexington Fire Department submitted an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance and was awarded \$511,078 for the LOOP-2 project. LOOP has five specific aims. The first aim of LOOP-2 is to continue and expand a multi-disciplinary response team of law enforcement, fire and emergency services, treatment providers, recovery advocates, and other community partners. Second, LOOP-2 will outreach to individual survivors of drug overdose identified by emergency response by the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to connect them either with treatment and recovery services or harm reduction services, including naloxone. The third aim is through the addition of a Case Manager to the project for continued follow-up with individuals who elect not to seek treatment services when met by the response team. The fourth aim is to bolster the pre-arrest diversion program at Lexington Police Department (LPD) where all police officers will be trained to assist individuals who approach them or they come in contact with connections to treatment and recovery services or harm reduction services. This model differs from traditional pre-arrest diversion models since police can meet the person where he or she is.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** \$511,078 has been awarded for Fiscal Year 2021. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of funds.

**Are the funds budgeted?** Budget amendment 10892 is in process.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Chilton/Armstrong

