



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

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Submission of AFG grant for the Lexington Fire Department

Request: Council authorization to submit an application and accept if offered to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program requesting federal funding in the amount of \$80,000 to purchase two new passenger vans to be assigned to the Community Paramedicine Program.

Purpose of Request: Non-emergent transport vehicles to benefit a Community Paramedicine Program are considered a high priority per the 2021 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity. This AFG priority aligns well with our local goal of improving and growing our Community Paramedicine Program. Passenger vans accommodate the needs of this program better than other small fleet vehicles (e.g. SUV) by providing increased storage for Advanced Life Support equipment and monitors carried by our paramedics, and wheelchairs, walkers, etc. belonging to our patients. Further, the additional seated riding positions are practical for when our crew (minimum two people) assists patients and their caregivers with rides to medical appointments, at home visits, etc. Overall, adding these more versatile vehicles to our fleet will allow us to grow the Community Paramedicine Program in the years to come, and improve services to our community.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? If the grant is approved, federal funds in the amount of \$80,000 will be awarded, requiring a 10% match of \$8,000.

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

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Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

