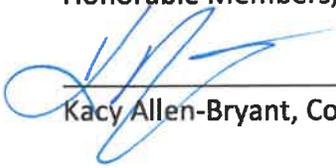




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Kacy Allen-Bryant, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE: March 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Welcoming Certification Agreement between Welcoming America and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government for Global Lex

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to execute the Certification agreement between Welcoming America and Lexington-Fayette County Government for Global Lex.

Why are you requesting?

Global Lex will perform actions required to receive and maintain Certified Welcoming status, including compliance with the Welcoming Standard and Standard Operating Procedure. Many cities in this region use the framework as a way to better understand existing programs, identify gaps, and develop a strategic roadmap for working more effectively with local partners.

For Global Lex, the primary benefit is having an objective third-party assessment that helps us identify opportunities to better coordinate with existing institutions and avoid duplicating services that partners like schools, libraries, or nonprofits may already provide.

Since Global Lex has not conducted a comprehensive strategic assessment of community needs in several years, we felt this was a cost-effective way to establish a clearer roadmap and ensure our efforts remain aligned with the broader work already happening across Lexington.

This contract will be valid from the Effective Date of Council approval and will continue in force for four years and may renew for additional periods subject to agreement by Welcoming America and approval by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council. LFUCG may terminate this contract upon 30 days written notice to Welcoming America.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

\$8,400 in FY26 for the first four-year term of the agreement

Are the funds budgeted?

Yes, in 1101-606104-0001-71299.

