



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

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

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2025

**SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Mental Health & Wellness Act Grant Program Award for
FY 2026 -FY2028 for the Lexington Police Department**

Request: Council authorization to accept award of federal funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the Law Enforcement Mental Health & Wellness Act Grant Program (LEMHWA). Funds are for FY2026 through FY2028. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: The Division of Police submitted an application to U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for Lexington Police LEMHWA Implementation project. U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) awarded the LFUCG \$200,000 in federal LEMHWA grant funds over a two-year period. The grant funds are to implement the expansion of the current Wellness Unit by adding a trained mental health professional to the staff. The position will be responsible for providing counseling services along with the other responsibilities of the mental health professional, to include educating and guiding police department employees on mental health concerns.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$200,000 is awarded for the two-year period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong

