MAYOR LINDA GORTON

LEXINGTON

CHARLIE LANTER
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT and

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF THE BLUEGRASS

WHEREAS, The Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass (CACBG) seek to ensure that the needs of crime victims are met through advocacy within law enforcement, the courts, victim services, a coordinated community effort.

WHEREAS, the partners listed above have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government will be the lead agency and named applicant and the other agencies will be partners in this program; and all see a need to improve the functions of the civil and criminal court processes for crime victims so they are better connected to services available in the community and able to receive assistance for their medical, mental health, and emotional support needs.

WHEREAS, because the Partners are committed to meaningful collaboration for system improvement, they enter into this agreement.

WHEREAS, the application prepared and approved by the collaborative through its partners is to be submitted to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet on or before February 13, 2026.

I) Description of Partner Agencies

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) will be the lead agency for the Lexington Police VOCA Grant Project and will be responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the Victim Services Unit.

LFUCG is partnering with the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass. The Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass coordinates all agencies involved in the investigation of child sexual abuse, and provides education to professionals and the public about abuse. All services are provided at no cost to children and their non-offending families. The CACBG provides a child-friendly setting where a skilled team of professionals come together to

investigate the allegations in an unbiased, supportive location, provide therapeutic support and offer victim assistance services.

II) Roles and Responsibilities of the Partners, Resources Contributed, and Representatives

LFUCG agrees to provide survivor support and case management services coordinated through the Special Victims Section within the Bureau of Investigation within the Lexington Police Department. Primary responsibility for project implementation will rest with the lieutenant supervising this Section. The Bureau of Investigation is responsible for supervision of all victim advocacy employees who provide advocacy and case management services. Data Collection, record keeping and reporting guidelines for this project will be maintained through the Special Victims Section. LFUCG will be responsible for financial administration and oversight and will assume the lead role in the accounting and disbursing of federal funds received for the VOCA Program, including drawing down the funds and ensuring compliance over the use and reporting of the funds by sub recipients.

CAC of the Bluegrass will continue to provide support to children who have been impacted by sexual abuse by providing services to them in a nurturing, friendly and safe environment, with the goal of fostering the healing and recovery process.

III) Timeline

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government receiving funds requested for the project described in the VOCA grant application. Responsibilities within this Memorandum of Understanding coincide with the grant period, anticipated to be July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

IV) Commitment to Partnership

1. The partners agree to continue to collaborate and provide services to crime victims.
2. The agencies may jointly terminate this MOU by unanimous action at any time. Any agency shall have the authority to terminate its participation for its convenience upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Mayor of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. However, the withdrawal of less than all of the agencies shall not act as a termination of the MOU or the responsibilities of the remaining agencies in accordance with the terms of the MOU.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

We, the undersigned, have read and agree to this memorandum of understanding. We have reviewed and approved the budget and are aware of the total amount being requested and the funding being requested for each project partner. By signing below, all partners demonstrate a commitment to work together to achieve the stated project goals and to sustain the project once grant funds are no longer available.

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Linda Gorton, Mayor Date
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Winn Stephens 2/6/26

Winn Stephens, Executive Director Date
Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass