



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief
DATE: 02/24/2026
SUBJECT: LFUCG and ECU Social Work Education Agreement

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to:

Establishes a partnership between Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) to provide supervised field placement opportunities for EKU social work students. EKU retains responsibility for academic oversight, while LFUCG agrees to provide appropriate supervision, learning experience, and a safe training environment. Students are not considered employees; each party maintains its own liability coverage, and the agreement is effective for 5 years, with provisions for modification or termination upon notice.

Why are you requesting?

To formalize and document the partnership between EKU and LFUCG to enable social work students to complete supervised field placements. The agreement clearly defines roles, responsibilities, liability, and compliance requirements for all parties involved and ensures the placements meet accreditation and legal standards.

Department needs this action completed because:

The department needs this action completed to formally establish a compliant partnership with Eastern Kentucky University that allows students to participate in supervised field placements while clearly defining responsibilities, liabilities, and accreditation requirements.

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

The cost for this FY is: NA

The cost for future FY is: NA

Are the funds budgeted? NA

File Number:

If there is a contract, please indicate the cancellation clause:

The agreement may be terminated by either party with at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. If termination occurs, any student currently enrolled in a field placement may be allowed up to six (6) months from the date of notice to complete their program at the affiliate site.

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

