

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

*200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507*



Tuesday, May 10, 2022

3:00 PM

REVISED Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

**Urban County Council
Schedule of Meetings
May 9, 2022 – May 16, 2022**

Monday, May 9

Council Link: Finance, Economic Development and Planning.....1:00 pm
Video Teleconference

Tuesday, May 10

General Government & Social Services Committee.....1:00 pm
Council Chamber – 2nd Floor Government Center

Council Work Session.....3:00 pm
Council Chamber – 2nd Floor Government Center

Wednesday, May 11

Tree Board.....10:30 am
Conference Room – 5th Floor Government Center

Commission on Veterans Affairs.....11:30 am
Senior Center – 195 Life Lane

Thursday, May 12

No Meetings

Friday, May 13

No Meetings

Monday, May 16

No Meetings

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
REVISED Work Session Agenda
May 10, 2022

- I. Public Comment - Issues on Agenda**
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 - a** Summary: General Government & Social Services Committee, April 12, 2022, p. 16-19
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- VII. Council Reports**
- VIII. Mayor's Report – No**
- IX. Public Comment - Issues Not on Agenda**
- X. Adjournment**

Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

- a** **0411-22** Authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Metro Employees Credit Union (MECU) for space located at 101 East Vine Street within the Phoenix Building, beginning on July 1, 2022 for an initial term of one year. The total revenue for year one is \$10,937.50. (L0411-22) (Ford) p. 3
- b** **0426-22** Authorization to execute an Assignment, Assumption, and Consent Agreement, consenting to the assignment of the agreement for Hartland 3 Pump Station Replacement Project from Lokits Contracting, LLC to Herrick Company, Inc., at no additional cost to the Urban County Government. (L0426-22) (Martin/Albright) p. 4
- c** **0427-22** Authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) and the Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center (KYPTAC) to provide joint classes, outreach events and webinars that support the LFUCG Minority Business Enterprise Program at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Funds are budgeted. (L0427-22) (Slatin/Hensley) p. 5
- d** **0432-22** Authorization to accept the donation from the Fraternal order of Firefighters (FOF) of a Gator-made enclosed car hauler (valued at \$7,000) and a utility trailer with two permanently mounted cooking griddles (valued at \$4,000) to benefit the Community Services Bureau (CSB) to assist with community events. No budgetary impact. (L0432-22) (Wells/Armstrong) p. 6
- e** **0434-22** Authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Metro Employees Credit Union (MECU) for space located at 1306 Versailles Rd, beginning July 1, 2022 for an initial term of one year. The total rental revenue for year one is \$45,550.20. (L0434-22) (Ford) p. 7
- f** **0435-22** Authorization to execute a lease agreement with Lexington and Fayette County Parking Authority for space located at 162 East Main Street within the Annex Building, beginning July 1, 2022 for an initial term of one year. The total rental revenue for year one is \$12,782.28. (L0435-22) (Ford) p. 8
- g** **0436-22** Authorization to approve a Lease Agreement with Keeneland for the use of the facility for Picnic with the Pops to take place on August 13, 2022. No budgetary impact; expenses are paid by Picnic with the Pops. (L0436) (Scott) p. 9
- h** **0454-22** Authorization for the Division of File and Emergency Services to join the Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service to increase efficiency and expedite the collection of digital evidence in our fire investigations. No budgetary impact. (L0454-22) (Wells/Armstrong) p. 10
- i** **0456-22** Authorization to submit three separate applications to the 2022 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant requesting funds in the amount of \$316,617.93 to replace/purchase equipment for the Division of Fire and Emergency Services, Special Operations Team. No matching funds are required. (L0456-22) (Wells/Armstrong) p. 11-12
- j** **0459-22** Authorization to approve Remotec Inc. as a sole source provider to purchase replacement parts to upgrade the Division of Police's robot, at a cost not to exceed \$183,850. Funds are budgeted. (L0459-22) (Weathers/Armstrong) p. 13

- k** **0460-22** Authorization to approve CavCom, Inc. as a sole source provider for the purchase of CavCom's Talk-Through-Your-Ear communication devices for the Division of Emergency Management at a cost not to exceed \$49,782.80. Funds are budgeted. (L0460-22) (Dugger/Armstrong) p. 14
- l** **0461-22** Authorization to execute a renewal Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky State Board of Elections for an amount of \$575,370 for the reimbursement of the purchase of voting equipment. The agreement expires on June 30, 2023. (L0461-22) (Hensley) p. 15

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Motion by Lamb to place on the docket for the Thursday, May 5, 2022, Council Meeting, a Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute and submit a grant application to the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice seeking \$200,000.00 in state funding for the Division of Youth Services, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement, subject to final approval from the Division of Grants and Special Programs and the Department of Law, in order to accept this grant, if awarded, which would obligate the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$456,706.00 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the grant budget. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

- III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Plomin to approve the April 26, 2022 work session summary. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

- IV. Budget Amendments

Motion by LeGris to approve budget amendments. Seconded by Plomin. Motion passed without dissent.

- V. New Business

Motion by Ellinger to approve new business. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

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MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHRIS FORD
COMMISSIONER
GENERAL SERVICES

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services

DATE: April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Facility Lease Agreement at Phoenix Building
Metro Employees Credit Union (MECU)

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Metro Employees Credit Union for space located at the Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street. The area is located on the first floor of the building and consists of approximately 625 square feet. The initial term will be for one year, with the option for two additional annual renewals. Lease terms begin on July 1, 2022. Lease amount will increase by \$1,326.22 for the initial year and 10% for each additional renewal.

Purpose:

MECU is a non-profit entity that provides financial products and services to LFUCG employees, and staff of various partner agencies. MECU also offers credit and financial counseling to its members.

Budgetary Implication:

Year one annual rental revenue: \$10,937.50

Are the funds budgeted?

1101-011001-0001-42181

File Number: 0411-22

Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHARLES H. MARTIN, P.E.
DIRECTOR
WATER QUALITY

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: April 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Assignment of Agreement for Contract #039-2022 to Herrick Company, Inc.
Hartland 3 PS Replacement

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an Assignment of Agreement for Contract # 039-2022 to Herrick Company, Inc. who has acquired Lokits Contracting, LLC. This contract is to construct the new Hartland 3 sanitary pump station.

Purpose of Request

Lokits Contracting, LLC is the prime contractor for Hartland 3 PS Replacement Project. Lokits Contracting, LLC has been acquired by Herrick Company, Inc. Both parties have signed and are bound by the Assignment of Agreement to perform the original contract tasks with no change in contract terms or cost and will continue with the same staff that LFUCG Water Quality has been working with during construction.

Project Cost in FY22

There is no change in project cost approved by Council under this Assignment of Agreement.

Are the funds budgeted?

Funds for this work are already budgeted and encumbered.



MAYOR LINDA GORTON

**LEXINGTON**TODD SLATIN
DIRECTOR
CENTRAL PURCHASING

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

**FROM: TODD SLATIN, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF CENTRAL PURCHASING**

DATE: APRIL 26, 2022

**SUBJECT: MOA between the LFUCG and the Kentucky Science
and Technology Corporation**

Request:

Request Council authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) and their Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center (KYPTAC) at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Why are you requesting?

KYPTAC will assist the LFUCG Minority Business Enterprise Program in providing joint classes, outreach events and webinars designed to increase MBE, WBE and veteran-owned business participation on LFUCG projects and procurement opportunities. KYPTAC provides technical capabilities and a network of clients that are beneficial to the advancement of the LFUCG Minority Business Enterprise Program.

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

\$5,000.00 in FY22

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, funds are fully budgeted in 1101-202801-0001-71299

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Slatin/Hensley



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

Jason G. Wells
Fire Chief

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief
DATE: April 27, 2022
SUBJECT: Donation acceptance of two trailers from the FOF

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to accept an 8.5 x 20 ft. Gator made enclosed car hauler valued at \$7,000, and a 6 x 10 ft. utility trailer with two permanently mounted cooking griddles (used as a grill trailer) valued at \$4,000. This equipment was originally purchased through the Fraternal order of Firefighters (FOF) who has offered to donate both trailers to the Lexington Fire Department, to benefit the Community Services Bureau (CSB) to assist with community events.

Why are you requesting? The FOF has offered to donate two trailers to the CSB of the LFD to use in community events throughout the year. Firefighters will use the trailers to haul tables, chairs, bounce house, smoke alarms, and other equipment to events like the Fire Prevention Festival, Golf Scramble, and Smoke Alarm Safety Days, to name a few. Additionally, the Grill Trailer is used to cook food at the festival, Citizens Fire Academy, open houses and other community events.

The FOF is a 501c3 organization that serves as the charitable arm of the LFD.

Department needs this action completed because: The equipment donated will fill an essential need within the Community Service Bureau to be able to take part in community events.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? No impact to budget beyond general maintenance.

The cost for this FY is: N/A

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHRIS FORD
COMMISSIONER
GENERAL SERVICES

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services

DATE: April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Facility Lease Agreement at Versailles Road Government Campus
Metro Employees Credit Union (MECU)

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Metro Employees Credit Union for space located at the Versailles Road Government Campus, 1306 Versailles Road. The area consists of approximately 4,265 square feet. The initial term will be for one year, with the option for two additional annual renewals. Lease terms begin on July 1, 2022. Lease amount will increase by \$8,005.44 for the initial year and 10% for each additional renewal.

Purpose:

MECU is a non-profit entity that provides financial products and services to LFUCG employees, and staff of various partner agencies. MECU also offers credit and financial counseling to its members.

Budgetary Implication:

Year one annual rental revenue: \$45,550.20

Are the funds budgeted?

1101-011001-0001-42181

File Number: 0434-22

Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



CHRIS FORD
COMMISSIONER
GENERAL SERVICES

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services

DATE: April 29, 2022

SUBJECT: Facility Lease Agreement at Government Center Annex Building
Lexington & Fayette County Parking Authority (LexPark)

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Lexington & Fayette County Parking Authority for space located at the Government Center Annex Building, 162 East Main Street. The area is located on the second floor, and consists of approximately 855 square feet. The initial term will be for one year, with the option for two additional annual renewals. Lease terms begin on July 1, 2022. Lease amount will increase by \$2,272.44 for the initial year and 3% for each additional renewal.

Purpose:

LexPark manages public parking facilities, including on-street metered spaces and off-street parking garages, in the downtown area. LexPark services facilitate convenient access for customers, visitors, and staff of downtown businesses and public facilities.

Budgetary Implication:

Year one annual rental revenue: \$12,782.28

Are the funds budgeted?

1101-011001-0001-42181

File Number: 0435-22

Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
Urban County Council

FROM: Heather Lyons, Mayor's Office

DATE: April 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Keeneland Lease Agreement for Picnic with the Pops

Request

Approve the Lease Agreement with Keeneland for the use of facility for Picnic with the Pops, August 13, 2022.

Why are you requesting?

The previous Lease with Keeneland had expired.

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

There is no cost to the LFUCG budget. Expenses are paid by the Picnic with the Pops Commission.

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted?

Expenses are paid by the Picnic with the Pops Commission.

File Number: 0436-22

Director/Commissioner: Tyler Scott, Chief of Staff



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

Jason G. Wells
Fire Chief

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief
DATE: May 2, 2022
SUBJECT: Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization for the Fire Investigations Arson Bureau to join Ring Neighbors Public Safety Service.

Why are you requesting? We are requesting to enable investigators to remotely request digital footage from Ring cameras in the area of fire scenes that are under investigation.

Department needs this action completed because it will increase the efficiency and expedite the collection of digital evidence in the division's fire investigations.

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

The cost for this FY is: N/A

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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

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

DATE: MAY 2, 2022

**SUBJECT: Submission of KY Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) grant for the
Lexington Fire Department**

Request: Council authorization to submit three separate applications to the 2022 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant requesting funds in the amount of \$316,617.93 to replace/purchase equipment for our Special Operations Team. The equipment is outlined below:

#1 FEMA Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist/Technical Search Specialist Course: \$52,777

#2 Utility Terrain Vehicle for Special Operations: \$39,840.93

#3 All Band All Hazards Radios: \$224,000

Why are you requesting:

The purpose of these projects are to enhance response capabilities within the Special Operations program that will also provide greater flexibility with more economical and sustainable platforms.

#1 The FEMA courses in Heavy Rigging and Technical Search will provide the additional classes that are needed to fill gaps in training that exist for Urban Search and Rescue. The Heavy Rigging course will train our Structural Collapse Specialists on how to lift and remove heavy debris from structures in order to locate victims. The Technical Search course will teach our members how to use the Delsar acoustic listening system to locate victims in confined spaces.

#2 The Utility Terrain Vehicle will be used by several disciplines within Special Operations. The Hazardous Materials Unit will use it to move equipment needed to monitor for Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Wildland Task Force will use it to assist in extinguishing wildland fires. The Urban Search and Rescue Team will use it to search for missing persons in woodland or open areas.



#3. All Bands All Hazards Radios will be used by Special Operations during deployments to be able to communicate with agencies outside of Lexington/Fayette County. These radios give us the capability to communicate on various bands and frequencies that other counties use across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

What will this cost in this budget year and future budget years?

We will submit three separate KOHS applications requesting a total of \$316,617.93 in equipment for our Special Operations Team. If the grant is approved, funds in the amount of \$316,617.93 will be available. This grant does not require matching funds.

Are funds budgeted: A budget amendment will be completed if funding is awarded.

File Number: 0456-22

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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

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

DATE: MAY 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Remotec, Inc. as a Sole Source Provider Contract for Division of Police

Request: Council authorization to approve Remotec Inc. as a sole source provider to purchase replacement parts for upgrade to Lexington Police Department's robot at a cost not to exceed \$183,850.

Purpose of the Request: The Division of Police is requesting to establish Remotec, Inc. as a sole source provider to purchase replacement parts for the Lexington Police Department robot upgrade. Remotec is the only vendor that is available to purchase replacement parts for LPD's robot. This will be an upgrade to the original purchase. They do not use anyone to distribute their parts for service. The parts of this upgrade requires LPD to use existing parts on the current robot platform.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Estimated cost is \$183,850. No future cost are anticipated.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, funds are budgeted in accounts 3200-505505-5547-96468 (\$176,271) and 3200-505505-5547-76101 (\$7,579). STHO_BOMB_2022

Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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

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

DATE: MAY 2, 2022

**SUBJECT: Approval of Advanced CavCom, Inc. as a Sole Source Provider Contract for
Division of Emergency Management**

Request: Council authorization to approve CavCom, Inc. as a sole source provider contract for the purchase of CavCom's Talk-Through-Your-Ear communication devices for the Division of Emergency Management at a cost not to exceed \$49,782.80.

Purpose of the Request: The Division of Emergency Management is requesting to establish CavCom, Inc. as a sole source provider to purchase forty-two (42) Talk-Through-Your-Ear communication device sets for Lexington hospitals during decon operations. These devices are compatible with the hospitals' current radios used in hazmat suits. Providing these communication devices allows the user to speak to other users while in hazmat gear. These are hands-free devices which is a significant upgrade from current capabilities as well as offering ultra-clear sound. Presently, users need to exit the room/area to remove protective breathing equipment to have conversations. These devices save critical time during life-saving responses. \$49,782.80 is from CSEPP FY21 KY-FAY-468 account.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Estimated cost is \$49,782.80. No future cost are anticipated.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3200-505201-0001-96705; CSEPP_2021 KY-FAY-468

File Number: 0460-22

Director/Commissioner: Dugger/Armstrong



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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

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

DATE: MAY 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky State Board of Elections providing for purchase of voting equipment

Request: Council authorization to execute renewal Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky State Board of Elections renewing the agreement in the amount of \$575,370 for the purchase of voting equipment.

Purpose of the Request: On June 21, 2012 (Resolution No. 342-2012), Council approved acceptance of federal funds in the amount of \$1,125,000 from the Commonwealth of Kentucky State Board of Elections for the purchase of voting equipment. The agreement was for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and expired on June 30, 2014.

On June 5, 2014 (Resolution No. 291-2014), Council approved execution of the Memorandum of Agreement renewing the agreement for purpose of voting equipment through June 30, 2016.

On June 23, 2016 (Resolution 378-2016), Council approved execution of the Memorandum of Agreement renewing the agreement for purpose of voting equipment through June 30, 2018.

On July 9, 2019 (Resolution 399-2019), Council approved execution of the Memorandum of Agreement renewing the agreement for purpose of voting equipment through June 30, 2020.

A new MOA has been authorized providing LFUCG with \$575,370 in funding for the purchase of voting equipment. This agreement expires June 30, 2023.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? This is a reimbursement for equipment previously purchased. No future cost are anticipated.

Are the funds budgeted? Funds are budgeted as:

FUND	DEPT ID	SECT	ACCT	PROJECT	ACTIVITY	BUD REF
2610	011001	0001	46720	BOND_2019A	BOND_ISSUE	2019

File Number:

Director/Commissioner:





General Government & Social Services Committee

April 12, 2022

Summary and Motions

Committee chair, Council Member Susan Lamb, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee members Vice Mayor Steve Kay and Council Members Richard Moloney, James Brown, Hannah LeGris, Liz Sheehan, Fred Brown, Whitney Baxter, Jennifer Reynolds, Kathy Plomin, and David Kloiber attended the meeting.

I. Approval of March 8, 2022 Committee Summary

A motion by Hannah LeGris to Approve March 8, 2022 Committee Summary, seconded by Jennifer Reynolds, the motion passed without dissent.

II. Language Access

Jennifer Reynolds provided an introduction and thanked all of the individuals involved in working on this item. Jennifer Sutton, Council Research Analyst, shared that this item has been a focus of the 11th Districts office since 2019. She spoke about potential improvements and said much of this was brought to the forefront because of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also spoke about the requirements of Title VI and how Lexington implements those requirements. The goals of this item was to include website translation options, increase tools for first responders, develop a Crisis Communication Plan with Emergency Management and the Administration, as well as explore pay increases for multilingual employees.

Currently, translated material on Lexington's website is not easily available. Through discussions with the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) and further research, they discovered a program that allows for a plug-in on the website. The proposed web translation service would work in conjunction with LFUCG's current web platform, Druple. It would translate the entire website in up to 94 different languages for \$28,500. Additionally, she recommended that DEM, Global Lex, PIO, and Mayor's Office work together to create a Crisis Communication Plan. She further shared that First Responders have access to interpreters, language cards, and an ASL Video. The CAO's office is currently working to appoint Title VI Liaisons for both the Police Department and Fire Department. Sutton also explained that they will revisit increased pay options for bilingual or multilingual employees after the Compensation Study has been concluded. Currently, there is a way to request increase pay for multilingual employees, but this must be completed when an employee is brought on board.

Liz Sheehan asked if the cost of the website translation program includes maintenance. Aldona Valicenti said it includes the software, implementation plan, and support costs. Susan Lamb said that she would like to see a presentation on the website modifications once it is implemented.

III. NAMI Update

John Tackett, Fayette District Court Judge, presented on the Fayette County Mental Health Treatment Court (FMHC). This is a criminal diversion court that was started in 2014 with the help of LFUCG and the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. COVID-19 interrupted their ability to serve individuals. The pandemic created limitations to visitation at the Fayette County Detention Center that resulted in time constraints on contact with inmates. It also lowered capacity and delays in processing times for treatment centers as well as causing significant delays in the judicial process.

To overcome some of these challenges, they increased photo contacts, increased virtual and hybrid options, as well as other strategies. This would not have been possible without the grant that they received last year.

Tackett introduced Jennifer Van Ort Hazard who shared outcomes from FCMC. She shared that 31% of their participants enter the program defined as homeless, however one year after their start date, 97% are housed. 59% of program participants have achieved sobriety from one year in the program. 100% of their 45 graduates are involved in one or more activities in their community. Recidivism with the aftercare program since its inception is 7%. This aftercare program addressed many things that graduates from the program need (i.e. support in recovery, connection, relapse prevention, fun and sober activities). This program is called the PALS (Participation, Alliance, Legacy and Service). This program has only been active since October or November. They look forward to sharing the data at a later date as they are tracking this information.

Van Ort Hazard shared that the FCDC savings are roughly \$4.2 million and the Law Enforcement savings are roughly \$2.3 million. The return on investment from the FCDC is 891% and for Law Enforcement is 303%. For FCDC and the Lexington Police Department is 1194%. At the State level, they are training other communities to implement similar programs.

Richard Moloney asked how many clients they have. Van Ort Hazard shared they have served 127 individuals. Kathy Plomin asked how the activities are monitored. Van Ort Hazard said they do work visits, home visits, visits with family members and with others in their support group. If they are struggling with employment, FCDC will connect them with employment specialists in the community. James Brown asked if the funds from CDBG or ARPA put any barriers or challenges onto their services. Van Ort Hazard said one of the biggest hurdles have been the administrative duties and the reporting.

John Tackett wanted to highlight that he was aware of the opioid settlement funds. There are programs that FCMC does not have locally that participants of the program could benefit from. Additionally, scholarship programs are needed to help with insurance issues that may be preventing people from getting treatment. Susan Lamb shared that information is still forthcoming on the opioid settlement funds but this group needs to be connected with the information.

IV. Lexington History Museum

Timothy Burcham gave an overview of the history of the Lexington History Museum. This relationship has been intertwined since 1997. In a memorandum of understanding between LFUCG and the state, LFUCG was to commit \$1 million to the Lexington History Museum in the old court house. The Lexington History Museum was officially chartered in 1998 and is a creation of the city. From 2003-2012, the museum was in the old Fayette County Court House. During that time, it hosted more than 10,000 visitors. It was closed in 2012 due to structural issues. The result is that it has made it more difficult for them to fundraise, they have had a loss of professional staff and it has eliminated tourist traffic. They have had various places where they have set up pocket parks, hosted virtual exhibits, maintained WikiLex, and have written several publications.

Currently, the Adam Rankin House houses the museum but the space is not large enough for the entire collection. Most of the collection remains in storage. In 2021, they engaged in an extensive strategic planning process and the plan focuses on four areas: preservation, partnerships, programming, and

presence. They have aspirations to be a fixed element of the community, similar to other cities, and have a funding mechanism. The future location would ideally be within walking distance from downtown hotels, have high tourism visibility, visitor parking, school bus entry/exit, school bus parking, and affordability. In the short-term, they are requesting funding for management support and a temporary museum location. Therefore, they are requesting \$1.6 million over the period of three years.

Plomin asked how many artifacts the museum owned. Foster Ockerman said that they are approaching 300 boxes of barely catalogued material that is in storage. They recently acquired the John Mayer Photography Collection which has over 1000 images. LeGris asked if they had or are going to pursue partnerships with other nonprofits. Burcham said that they are looking at partnerships with other nonprofits where they may have available space. Additionally, they are looking at the potential of city property that is under-utilized. Fred Brown asked about the possibility of the museum raising 50% of the \$1.5 million. Burcham said that without a clear plan and without the staff, it was hard to imagine how to mount a massive fundraising effort. From this point forward they hope to rebuild their fundraising capacity, but without fulltime staff, it will be difficult to raise the money. F. Brown would like to keep this item in committee and to have a task force to address this further.

Susan Lamb stated that she has the intention to bring this into the budget stabilization conversation. She also said that the \$1 million commitment from 1997 was fulfilled. J. Brown brought up how some community members want to know where they can find their neighborhood history, African American history, and Lexington's history in general. Burcham spoke about the Lexington History Collective and one of the goals is to pull together all of Lexington's History. Moloney invited the Lexington History Museum to apply for the ARPA nonprofit capital grants that will be forthcoming. Lamb wanted to give them an opportunity to talk about LexTalks, which is a series events and is one of their longest running outreach programs. After COVID, they started up again in February of 2022. Their most recent event covered the renaming of Tandy Park and was attended by 40-50 virtual participants. The next event will be on May 10th and cover the Kentucky Theater and the Lyric Theater. They plan to host three more events this year.

V. CivicLex Public Engagement Update

Executive Director Richard Young gave an update on CivicLex's effort on gathering community feedback on public input. In the fall of 2020, Young, Lamb and CIO's office began conversations about how to improve the public input process. CivicLex then conducted a survey in 2021 and the early months of 2022 to gather information on how to improve this process. They found that generally, residents participate when a specific issue is impacting their neighborhood or is an issue that they care about. They found that the reasons why residents do not participate in government, in part, is because they believe it won't make a difference or it was too late. Residents participate through government representatives, public comment, and other avenues. CivicLex found that people do want to be engaged and over half of the respondents thought that the current options were inadequate.

The second survey was for LFUCG employees. Most employees that responded to the survey thought it was important that public input is received. Most respondents were in the middle on the effectiveness of public input. Young shared some draft recommendations with the committee. He suggested that there could be more options for virtual and public input; restructure when public input is received by Council, adopt user-friendly technologies that allow for legislative tracking, education for residents, and other ideas.

Sheehan thanked Young and asked if he could talk about the demographics of the respondents. He said that the public survey tended to skew white, educated, and female. Young also said that the location of respondents were even across the whole county. Reynolds said she found the presentation helpful and suggested that public comment could be potentially moved to the beginning of the meeting. LeGris asked Young if there was a particular way he would like feedback. Young said that they are happy to set up a form on their website for people to provide additional feedback. LeGris also asked how Council Members would receive video entries. Young said that it could be watched in the council meeting or available online. Kloiber asked what the format of the meeting would look like for recommendation number two. Young said that they have seen examples where people come and say what they like and/or provide a presentation/feedback on an item. Plomin stated that this needs to be done and that it can be difficult for some people to find out what is happening in City government. Council Administrator Stacey Maynard said that the Core Staff is currently working on technology options with Legistar and Granicus representatives. There are online resources for the public process, but we may need to update the website. Additionally, they are currently working on a newsletter and updates.

VI. Items Referred to Committee

No items.

A motion by Whitney Baxter to adjourn at 3:00 PM, seconded by Hannah LeGris, the motion passed without dissent.

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Recording of the meeting: https://fucg.granicus.com/player/clip/5547?view_id=4&redirect=true