

- J. **Reynolds, Chair**
- W. Baxter, Vice-Chair
- J. Brown
- C. Ellinger
- T. Fogle
- B. Monarrez
- D. Gray
- F. Brown
- D. Sevigny
- K. Plomin



AGENDA
Social Services and Public Safety Committee
October 8, 2024
1:00 P.M.

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| I. | Approval of September 17, 2024 Committee Summary | (1-2) |
| II. | Villages Model Initiatives for Lexington | [Lynch/Cheney] (3-19) |
| III. | Gun Violence Task Force Workgroup Report-out | [Reynolds/Thompson] (20-36) |
| IV. | Items Referred to Committee | (37) |

"Social Services and Public Safety Committee, to which shall be referred matters relating to the department of social services and its divisions, the department of public safety and its divisions, any related partner agencies, and matters relating to capital improvement projects."- Council Rules & Procedures, Section 2.102 (1) effective January 1, 2023. Adopted by Urban County Council September 22, 2022.

2024 Meeting Schedule

January 23	July 2
March 05	September 17
April 9	October 8
May 14	November 12



Social Services and Public Safety Committee

September 17, 2024

Summary and Motions

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Committee Members Ellinger, J. Brown, Fogle, Monarrez, Gray, F. Brown, Baxter, Sevigny, and Plomin were in attendance. Vice Mayor Wu, Council Members Lynch, and Sheehan were present as a non-voting members.

I. Approval of July 2, 2024 Committee Meeting Summary

Motion by Sevigny to approve the July 2, 2024 Committee Summary. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

II. Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Annual Update

Jeff Herron, Homelessness Prevention Manager provided a background of the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) which was established in 2014. He reviewed the coordination and planning responsibilities of the OHPI office and said they do not provide direct services. He spoke about the \$44 million investment in the homelessness program between FY20-FY25 to address homelessness. He reviewed updated data from the 2014-2024 LexCount results. This annual point in time count provides a snapshot of what homelessness looks like in our city on any given night. He provided an update on homeless encampments; they conducted 28 cleanups in FY24 at 18 unique locations and 15 cleanups were tied to 6 emphasis areas. The total cost for cleanup is \$51,805 at an average cost of \$1,850 per cleanup. He reviewed the 5-Year Strategic Plan (2021-2025) which was released in 2021 and includes 55 recommendations. Strategic Plan goals are comprised of community outreach and engagement, preventing homelessness, policy and advocacy, funding sources, and expanding permanent supportive housing. He continued with a review of the current projects including onboarding curriculum for case managers, Shelter and Transitional Housing Feasibility Study, Housing Flex Fund, Landlord Partnership Program, and FY24 Continuum of Care Program Competition.

Herron said the emphasis areas are listed on the web site and there is permanent signage at campsites. There was a suggestion for a voucher program similar to one in Boston where expeditors help people find housing quickly. Herron feels the landlord partnership program might be able to incorporate something like this. Herron said there are a few pieces of the Strategic Plan that will not be fully achieved because some of those recommendations will need millions of dollars to be fully executed and we have not been able to identify a sustainable funding source. Herron confirmed LexCount is Lexington's annual point-in-time count of all people experiencing homelessness (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, or unsheltered homelessness) in Lexington on a single night in January. When asked about the email regarding a temporary shelter across from the Hope Center, Herron said the YMCA is not willing to allow us to return to their property a second time. LFUCG is looking to work with hotels to get a block of rooms this year. There was a suggestion to look at a permanent solution for housing. When asked how Council can support this, Herron explained scaling up the efforts is important to consider. No action was taken on this item.

III. NAMI / Fayette Mental Health Diversion Court

Bill Buckman, Coordinator with Fayette Mental Health Diversion Court, reviewed the monetary savings for Lexington from July 1 – August 31, 2024 for 32 graduates. The city invested \$790,000 in the program and this resulted in a \$4,655,819 return on investment (589% ROI). Many people are referred to the program on low-level charges and living with mental illness. These people tend to self-medicate causing issues with substance abuse leading to violent episodes and charges of disturbing the peace. He explained the importance of this program as it helps with turning someone's life around.

Kelly Gunning, Director of Advocacy and Policy with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), referenced the building where Participation Station is housed. Participation Station is a unique program that operates on the Boston model of psychiatric rehabilitation and provides mental health services in Lexington. She said they are at risk of losing the building as it will be for sale if NAMI cannot raise enough money to purchase it. Gunning emphasized Participation Station focuses on the seriously mentally ill population and is the hub of outreach, recovery, and rehabilitation.

When asked about EmPATH Center, Gunning explained the living room model which is a no barrier 23-hour bed or chair for people to come in or where police could bring people who are in crisis. Typically, when police pick up someone who is intoxicated, they must wait for the person to sober up before they can take them to the hospital. At the EmPATH Center, when you walk in you get help immediately. In the first month they have seen over 300 people and most of those people were diverted successfully by agreeing to go to a next day community appointment. No action was taken on this item.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

No action was taken on this item.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

A CARING PLACE VILLAGE

Incorporated 2019

501c3

Roxanne L Cheney, MSN
Board Chair
A Caring Place



Mission- Vision- Values

Mission Statement: Recognizing that loneliness is an epidemic with adverse effects on physical and mental health, A Caring Place, a faith-based volunteer organization, takes an intergenerational approach to building friendships with people over 60 years old or disabled and live in the Bluegrass region.

We Value:

Compassion to others and ourselves.

Friendships and relationships which meet our need to belong.

Hospitality which opens the door to trusting relationships & connectedness with others.

Respect and dignity for all people, as their God given right.

Inclusion and equity in our culture so that all can feel a sense of fulfillment.

Vision Statement: We imagine a world where everyone feels loved.



What We Currently Offer

- Partner with UK undergrad students to provide an intergenerational approach.
- Phone buddy system: Trained volunteers are assigned referred participants, who are unable to attend our virtual or in-person socialization groups., and need daily wellness checks, or socialization.
- Semi-weekly Virtual and in person socialization groups
- Home Visits-Recreation-Events
- Mentored Volunteer opportunities: Example-Read On!
- Classes in Mindfulness and Coordinated Muscle Movement
- Free Community Education Presentations
- Resource Hub: help our participants locate community resources
- Spiritual Support
- Letters-cards sent for birthdays, holidays, thinking of you.



Who We Serve

- Seniors (60+)
- People with disabilities
- Caregivers
- People who are economically disadvantaged
- Individuals who are Socially Isolated or lonely



REIMAGINING HOME STREETScape

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We Are A Village!

- A Caring Place is a community-based, nonprofit, grassroots organizations formed through a cadre of caring people who want to change the paradigm of aging.
- Currently we have over 150 volunteers and over 100 participants that we serve.
- Currently, we have no paid staff, and receive our funds through grants, individual donations, and events.



What A Caring Place has accomplished

How ACP measures its results

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of participants	48	57	66	82
Percentage of participants who feel more cared for	100	95	95	99
Hours of support group services offered	3727	4962	4763	6128
Total revenue earned to support programs	\$17,500	\$33,534	\$37,203	\$46,697

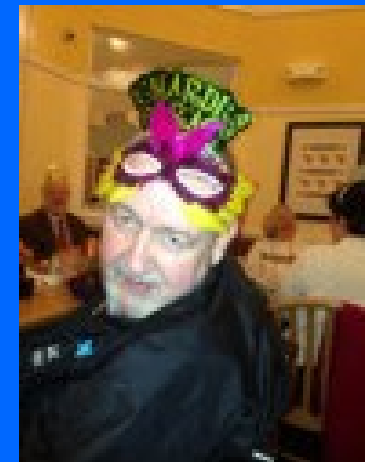
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Testimonials

12/25/2019: "(88 y.o. lady at Xmas, living alone, socially isolated. Meals were crackers and peanut butter, even at Christmas. No family left. Had assumed it would be another lonely Christmas, when A Caring Place showed up at her door with a turkey dinner and friendship) "Oh my gosh, was just getting ready to eat my crackers, when all of a sudden, here comes Christmas. I can't believe it. And, with turkey (all said while crying)"

6/21/2020: (72 year old retired nurse. Family lives in other States. She lives independently, but has mobility problems.) "I do not know what I would do without A Caring Place. You have become my family".



Testimonials

2/14/22: (Velta A, 78 year old Native American, living on the edge of homelessness)

“My very first Valentine card. I can’t believe it (said while laughing). Had to wait 78 years to receive my first Valentine card. I love you too”

3/01/23: (Paulette B: 75 yr old, Radical surgery for oral cancer). “Walter doesn’t mind if I no longer have half my chin or lower teeth. He loves me anyway, and I love him”

7/13/24: “My mother appreciated you so much. You made her feel she was still making meaningful contributions. I don’t know how she would have managed without A Caring Place in her life (Judith B’s daughter, after Judy passed away)



Survey of Stonewall Neighborhood

48 participants responded to a survey.

- Get-together with neighbors for a beverage at a restaurant – 22 responses
- Exercise (walking, swimming, yoga, etc.) – 22 responses
- Volunteering opportunities – 20 responses
- Discussion groups on topics of interest – 19 responses
- Book discussion – 17 responses
- Games (cards, board games, chess) – 16 responses
- Hobbies and crafts – 16 responses

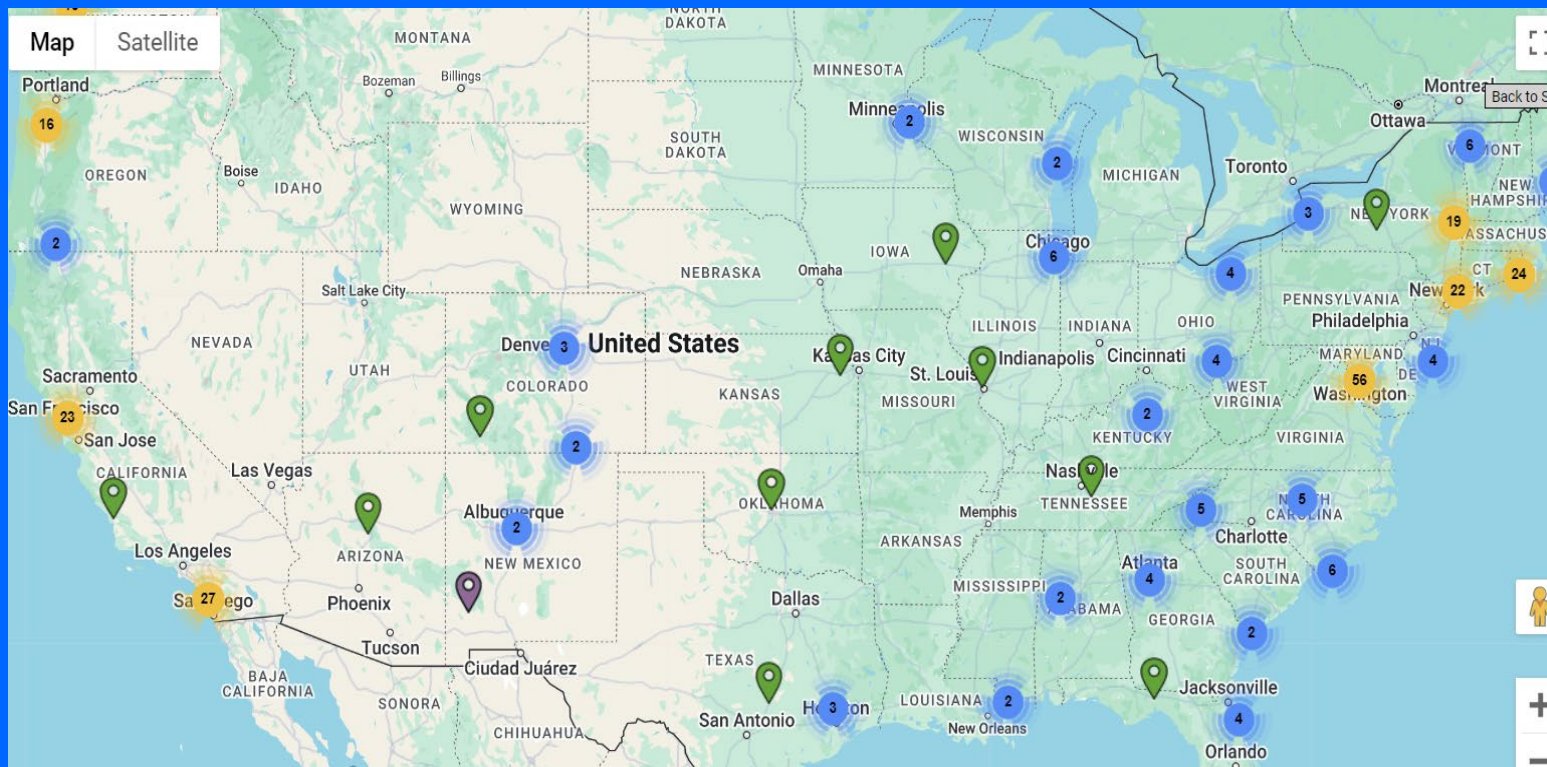


Small study indicated varying types of socialization activities were requested

Participants were willing to pay for this service.

Location of Villages

- Started in Beacon Hill Massachusetts in 2001
- Two hundred fifty currently throughout the US
- Kentucky has 3 Villages: Berea, Paducah & Lexington
- Louisville is currently starting a Village



Outcome of other Villages

Nearly 90% of older adults in America want to stay in their homes and communities as they age.

The Village model helps older adults to age in a place of their choosing, connected to their communities

Villages are well positioned to improve the population health of the communities they serve.

The Village Model works! Village members consistently report a positive impact on their well-being and quality of life as a direct result of their participation in their Village.

“Villages are instrumental in helping people remain in their homes and independent in their communities.” - Ilene Henshaw, AARP, Department of Government Affairs.

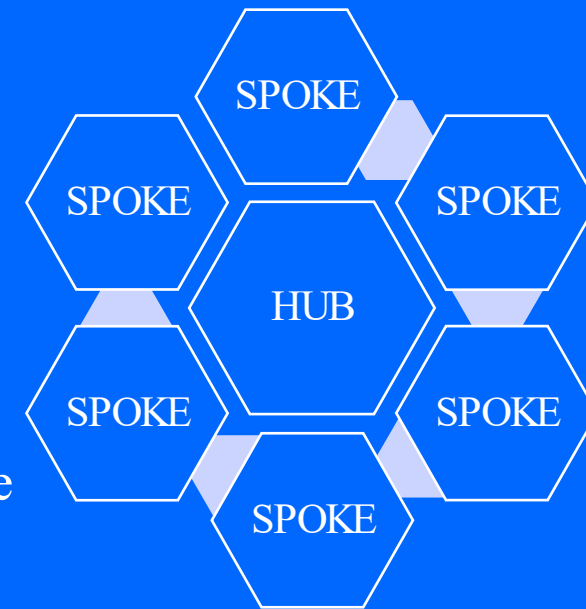
Structure of a Village Model

Per Barbara Sullivan, Executive Director of the Village to Village Network, the most common structure for a Village Model is a Hub and Spoke

The hub is a non-profit, that neighborhood associations or groups can join as Associate Members to reap the benefits of being a non-profit, such as fund development and optimization of resources.

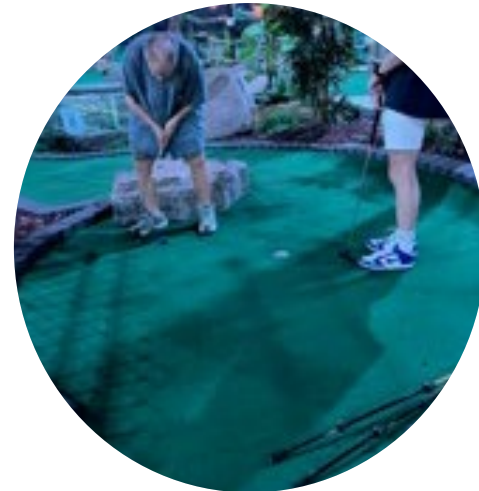
Spokes would be the Neighborhood groups either physical or virtual that would connect to the Hub (A Caring Place). We have the opportunity to spread our values throughout LFUCG.

Can you begin to reimagine our town to be a more friendly, less lonely place for our elderly and disabled who would like to age in place?



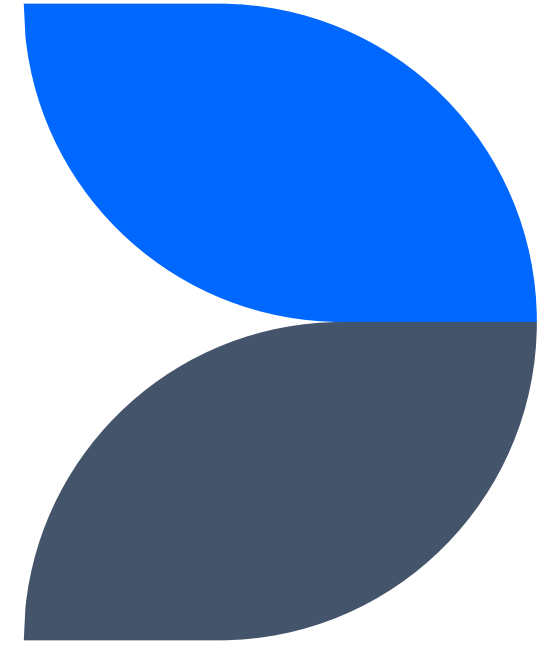
What we Need to Know

- Which neighborhoods to involve?
- What services, other than our core services, should we provide?
- What should the cost be per member, should it be a sliding scale?
- What staff do we need to manage the 'spokes', and should it be a paid position? How are volunteers used, and how recruited?
- What outcomes are other Villages using for their metrics, and what were their stumbling blocks?



Feasibility study is needed

- In 2030, just 6 years from now, those over 65 in Lexington will number 86% more than they did in 2010. Implementing a Village Model will support aging in place for many of them.
- There is the potential of expanding this program throughout Lexington dramatically.
- According to Market Feasibility Network (MFN), the cost of a feasibility study in Kentucky for our organization is approximately \$150,000*.
- A Caring Place is asking for a minimum of \$150,000 to contract with a skilled individual or group to conduct a feasibility study.
- A feasibility study will help us minimize risks, optimize resources, and increase the likelihood of our success.



*according to www.mfn.com/Kentucky-feasibility-study/

Summary



A Caring Place Village would serve as a HUB and will be a membership-based organization that brings Villages together to share best practices for enabling older adults to live independent, healthy, purposeful lives with connections to their communities. We will provide expert guidance, resources and support to help our community establish and maintain a thriving Village, and we champion the Village model at state and national levels as a best practice for healthy, vibrant aging.



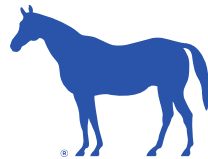
Thank you

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GUN VIOLENCE TASK FORCE WORKGROUP REPORT OUT

*Kendra Thompson, Council Research Analyst
Social Services and Public Safety Committee
October 8, 2024*



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Gun Violence Task Force Participants

Task Force Members	Organization
Jennifer Reynolds	11 th District Councilmember, Chair
Tayna Fogle	1 st District Councilmember
Shayla Lynch	2 nd District Councilmember
Kendra Thompson	Research Analyst, Support Staff
Sara Moreles	Legislative Aide, Support Staff
April Ballentine	Survivor
Corey Dunn	Independent
Andre Wilson	Seize Your Given Opportunity
Tonya Lindsey	Sisters and Supporters Working Against Gun Violence
Alexis Nickols	UK Trauma Surgeon
Jon Larson	Criminal Defense Attorney
Freida Downey	Independent
Cheryl Birch	B.U.I.L.D.



Gun Violence Task Force Participants (continued)

Task Force Members	Organization
Whit Whitaker	President of NAACP of Lexington
Diane Cahill	Moms Demand Action
Mark Gay	Men of Action / Needing U to Survive
Melissa Moore – Murphy	Fayette District Court Judge
Lindsay Hughes Thurston	Fayette District Court Judge
Larry Johnson	Community Outreach Coordinator - ONE Lexington
Kenneth Payne	Crisis Response Coordinator - ONE Lexington
Devine Carama	Director - ONE Lexington
Kathy Witt	Fayette County Sheriff
Ricardo Franklin	Community Outreach Coordinator – Fayette County Sheriff’s Office
Angela Evans	Fayette County Attorney
Brian Maynard	Assistant Chief - Lexington Police Department
Jason Wells	Chief - Lexington Fire Department

Gun Violence Workgroup Participants

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Andre Wilson	Seize Your Given Opportunity
Davita Gatewood	Independent
Bryan Maynard	Assistant Chief – Lexington Police Department

Community Pillars Recommendations

1. **Recommend LFUCG to define gun violence as a public health crisis**

Model and elevate to the status of the opioid crisis and domestic violence to activate social services in the community. CDC says gun violence is preventable, not inevitable. The Surgeon General declared a firearm crisis this year in the US.

- Have this overseen by various departments with initiatives on campaigns, workshops, and events highlighting topics like safe storage and educational opportunities on how to properly use and maintain personal firearms
- Look into the possibility of having regular runtime on television featuring stories on local gun violence impacted residents and PSAs
- The Lexington Fayette County Health Department is willing to help with this item and said there may be grants available to aide in programs or education
- The Health Department is reviewing all their programs and all divisions to see where they can prevent gun violence. Could maybe do PSAs on proper storage and locking of guns



Community Pillars Recommendations

- 2. Recommend LFUCG and the community support a month-long gun violence awareness emphasis in June (National Gun Violence Awareness Month) with events and services to provide support and acknowledge families affected by gun violence as well as support the annual Antonio Franklin Jr. VIP Peace Walk in April**

Specifics about what a gun violence awareness month would consist of:

- Using city resources to support community partners in their events about gun violence
- Partnering with city divisions like LPD to have educational and community relationship building events and workshops
- Providing gun safety education on locks and storage resources
- Having a calendar of gun violence awareness events featured on the city's website, highlighting community-led and district specific events

Community Pillars Recommendations

- 3. Recommend that LFUCG raise awareness as to what opportunities exist for community partners to utilize and provide programs in community and neighborhood centers**

Community centers would include:

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| * Dunbar | * Kenwick |
| * Castlewood | * Bates Creek |
| * Charles Young (used by Social Services) | * Black and Williams |

Neighborhood Centers are in smaller parks like Meadowthorpe, Cardinal Valley, Winburn, etc.

Community Pillars Recommendations

3. Recommend that LFUCG raise awareness as to what opportunities exist for community partners to utilize and provide programs in community and neighborhood centers (Continued)

Recommend Parks and Recreation:

- Meet with Councilmembers to discuss in detail the process of community use and access
- Meet with neighborhood groups and anti-gun violence advocates
- Expand their partnerships with the goal of increase programming outdoors in parks
- Improve access to all neighborhood centers (centers in smaller parks) as well and work with neighborhood groups to encourage equitable use to all community partners

City Leaders Recommendations

1. **Recommend that ONE Lexington, when responding to a gun violence incident in a Councilmember's district, provide the appropriate notification of incident, debrief, and follow-up with opportunities on how Council can get involved if appropriate and if they so choose (i.e. marches, walks, etc.)**
 - The notification would consist of informing of what's occurring, how they are planning to respond, and if the Councilmember can be involved
 - This would be occurring consistently and only when appropriate



City Leaders Recommendations

- 2. Recommend Council provide continued support for co-response teams and mobile crisis teams to allow for rapid response to acute behavioral health emergencies in the city which could reduce gun violence and continue support for additional behavioral health specialists to assist public safety like the Paramedicine program and having social workers. Lexington has done a great job in this area and this group would like to recommend support for further growth.**
- We recognize the positive growth of the Paramedicine team and recommend and support the expansion of the team even further moving forward with additional social workers in public safety and more outreach workers for the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention.

City Leaders Recommendations

3. Recommend LFUCG expand their scope to address gun violence for all ages, not just ages 13-29

All people who are exposed to, impacted by, survived, and/or have been affected by suicide, need to be considered for services when talking about gun violence regardless of age.

What does this look like?

- Expanding One Lexington or staff to address gun violence (see recommendation #5)
- Recommend a multi-departmental approach
- No age limit tied to gun violence; it affects everyone

City Leaders Recommendations

- 4. Recommend LFUCG better communicate with the community about its work surrounding gun violence**
 - Greater transparency regarding the services the city offers to families impacted by gun violence
 - Advertise their resources using flyers with QR codes in community centers, schools, churches, etc.
 - LFUCG be more specific about the services provided to the community and on website
 - Greater financial transparency that will include an annual report about spending and evidentiary and antidotal data regarding program outcomes
 - Host a resource fair twice a year for impacted individuals of gun violence

City Leaders Recommendations

5. **Recommend that LFUCG create a new position in Social Services for a Gun Violence Program Coordinator who would work to coordinate with all divisions on gun violence for all ages. This person would help implement these recommendations, especially as a health crisis, and oversee programs. This position would be similar to our social services positions focused on domestic violence and the opioid crisis and would work on implementing campaigns, PSAs, and outreach**
 - Currently One Lexington and Social Services are at capacity
 - Requesting \$75,000 from FY 2026 budget for the position
 - Requesting \$75,000 from fund balance for their budget for the first year

Questions?



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Additional recommendations by a few members of the Gun Violence Task Force

May 1, 2024

The following proposals represent the programs identified by the community pillars of the Gun Violence Task Force to best address a gap identified by the committee. We submit these for your consideration in the current budget, in an effort to see these holes in our services filled before they can grow to an insurmountable level.

Proposal to Address Mental Health of Victims

Currently, there are no Lexington Fayette Urban County Government services available to address mental health for those affected by gun violence ages 18 or older. To address this issue, we request that the city council enter into a partnership agreement with **Neighborhood Healers** to provide mental health services to these affected young adults.

While the **University of Kentucky Neighborhood Healers** has historically served the local Black community, they have the capacity to provide both individual and group counseling in this area in large part due to the overlap in demographics of those affected. Information about the organization's mission and clinical staff can be found at their website, and additional information can be provided upon request.

<https://education.uky.edu/neighborhood-healers-clinic>

The cost to implement this partnership as envisioned would be **\$255,000 total through an \$85,000 a year** commitment from the city for the next three years. This would provide Individual mental health counseling for 114 people and Group mental health counseling for up to 83 groups, each spread out over separate 12-week schedules. Having access to this kind of support is critical for those being traumatized by the violence in their lives and represents a critical gap in our current services that can be easily addressed.

Proposals to Address Scarcity of Opportunity

There are common cycles to any societal violence and the hardest part of breaking them is having opportunities for change. The following proposals are expansions and enhancements of current programs that we believe are necessary to fill the gap identified by the committee.

Exhilarating Inc. has a youth employment training program which has shown great promise over the years. As with many promising programs the limiting factor on their impact is funding. Currently, there is an overwhelming need for youth employment training program that can easily provide transitions away from the violent activities we see in our community. Our request is simple in that we seek additional funding for **Exhilarating Inc.** to expand their ability to build capacity in workforce development by extending their program year round. Based on their current model an additional **\$50,000 per year** would allow them to do just that.

www.exhilaratinginc.org

In addition to expanding the available opportunities we are requesting that the city allocate **\$125,000 in ESR funding towards Mentoring/Life Coaching services for young adults**. In many cases individuals are completely unaware of the paths available to them and through grants like these we can easily leverage the assets of our community by focusing on guidance of affected youth towards these resources. With an allocation like this earmarked for **Local Grassroots Nonprofit Organizations**, we can create the kind of infrastructure we need for sustainable success.

Proposals for Direct Victim Services

The largest gap we identified was in our services to the families and loved ones affected by these acts of violence. The city's current services are not well documented or known to the public, which leads to a surprisingly large number of our community members being left to fend for themselves in their time of crisis. It is well documented that gun violence has emotional, medical, financial, and legal consequences for both individuals and communities. And the following are proposals aimed at better addressing those needs through our shared resources.

Sisters & Supporters Working Against Gun Violence (S.W.A.G.) is the only local nonprofit we were able to identify that works directly with victims and their families. Through collaboration and partnership SWAG has worked tirelessly over the last decade to provide information and support to those in their time of need. It is our belief that through the partnerships of SWAG, Lexington Fayette County Police Department Victim Advocate, and One Lexington we can address this area of great need.

To that end, we request the following funds to expand on the programing that S.W.A.G. offers:

\$90,000 for the food insecurity program. This level of funding would allow for up to 150 families to be provided supplementary groceries for a three-month period surrounding their traumatic experience.

\$80,000 for Victims Emergency Response Workers. Currently our city is greatly lacking in available personnel and resources to respond to the many and varied needs of those experiencing trauma. This level of funding per year will allow for direct resources to be provided through Victim Emergency Assistance as well as stipends to provide qualified individuals to the families of victims. This is one of the largest gaps we identified and with the city's financial collaboration S.W.A.G. can more than adequately respond to the city's needs.

Additionally, we would like to request that the council pass a resolution authorizing an official partnership between the **One Lexington Crisis Response Team** and the **FCPS "Handle With Care" Program**. HWC is a statewide program that integrates best practices in facilitating multi agency coordination to support school aged children experiencing trauma. In the Mayor's proposed budget there is a line item of **\$50,000** for this exact kind of service, and we would strongly recommend that the money be utilized in conjunction with the well established protocols through HWC.

We thank you for considering our proposals for implementation in the current budget cycle and look forward to hearing any feedback or questions you may have on the outlined programs. It has been our pleasure and privilege to serve on the Gun Violence Task Force, and we are hopeful that in identifying both the gap areas and possible solutions we can take a large step forward in helping our community.

Gun Violence Stats:

U.S. Surgeon General Issues Advisory on the Public Health Crisis of Firearm Violence in the United States

Firearm violence is pervasive, with [more than half \(54 percent\)](#) of U.S. adults or their family members having experienced a firearm-related incident in their lives.

“Firearm violence is an urgent public health crisis that has led to loss of life, unimaginable pain, and profound grief for far too many Americans,” said U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy. “We don’t have to continue down this path, and we don’t have to subject our children to the ongoing horror of firearm violence in America. All Americans deserve to live their lives free from firearm violence, as well as from the fear and devastation that it brings. It will take the collective commitment of our nation to turn the tide on firearm violence.”

CNN -More children die from guns [than anything else](#) in the United States

Greater Louisville Medical Society- From 2022 to 2023, Kentucky had deteriorated from being the 15th highest to 14th highest state in the nation in firearm related deaths.

EVERYTOWN for Gun Safety-Gun deaths overtime in Kentucky, the rate of gun deaths increased 43% from 2012 to 2021, compared to a 39% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 10% and gun homicides increased 118% compared to a 19% increase and 73% increase nationwide, respectively.

Kentucky has the 12th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.

CDC-Firearm injuries affect people in all stages of life. In 2022, firearm injuries (all types), were among the five leading causes of death for people ages 1-44 in the U.S. Firearm injuries were the leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-19.

CDC-Firearm injuries and deaths are preventable—not inevitable—and everyone has a role to play in prevention. A comprehensive approach and partners working with communities can reduce inequities and prevent firearm deaths and injuries.

American Public Health Association-In the United States, gun violence is a major public health problem and a leading cause of premature death. Preventing death, disability and injury from gun violence requires a public health approach that involves data collection and surveillance, research to understand which policies and programs are effective in decreasing gun violence, initiatives to implement those measures that are shown to work and continued surveillance and evaluation.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Social Services and Public Safety

Referral Item	Current Sponsor	Date Referred	Last Presentation	Status	Legistar File ID
1 Expand the Adult Mental Health Court with an Aftercare Program	T. Fogle	July 9, 2020	May 14, 2024		0534-24
2 Crime Reduction Technology	W. Baxter	September 21, 2021	May 2, 2023		1065-22
3 Assessment and Enforcement of Noise Ordinance	H. LeGris	July 5, 2022	August 22, 2023		0840-23
4 Review of Golf Cart Policies	L. Sheehan	October 11, 2022			
5 Eviction Diversion & Right to Counsel - Tenants' Bill of Rights	D. Wu	January 24, 2023	July 2, 2024		0702-24
6 Comprehensive Review of Code Enforcement (looking at ordinances, data, complaints, enforcement, technology, etc.)	D. Gray	June 29, 2023		February 2025	
7 Coordinated Victim Response Plan	L. Sheehan	May 2, 2023			
8 Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition	J. Reynolds	February 27, 2024	March 5, 2024		0239-24
9 Improvement of Fire Department Recruitment	B. Monarrez	July 9, 2024			
10 Villages Model Initiatives for Lexington	S. Lynch	August 20, 2024		October 8, 2024	1008-24
11 Youth Council	D. Gray	August 20, 2024			
12 Update on the Hope Center Expansion Project and Search for an Executive Director	T. Fogle	September 12, 2024			
13 Support Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention through the possible creation of an encampment coordinator and additional outreach workers	J. Reynolds	September 17, 2024			
Annual/Periodic Updates					
14 Substance Abuse Intervention Update	J. Reynolds	January 12, 2022	May 14, 2024		0532-24
15 Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Annual Report	J. Reynolds	June 7, 2022	September 17, 2024		0901-22
16 Annual NAMI - Fayette Mental Health Court Update	D. Gray	February 20, 2018	September 17, 2024		0360-22
17 Annual LFUCG Affordable Housing Fund, Initiatives and Projects Update	D. Gray	August 10, 2021	November 14, 2023	November 12, 2024	1026-21
18 Annual Juvenile Treatment Court Update	D. Gray	July 9, 2020	October 10, 2023	November 12, 2024	1164-21
19 Annual Update on Recruitment, Retirement, and Retention for Department of Public Safety	D. Seigny	September 22, 2020	July 2, 2024		0450-21
20 Annual Update on Community Paramedicine Program	J. Reynolds	July 6, 2021	March 5, 2024		0300-23
21 Annual Review of Code Enforcement	J. Reynolds	October 8, 2019	June 13, 2023		0814-22
22 ONE Lexington Programs Update	J. Reynolds	September 25, 2020	November 28, 2023 (Work Session)		0080-23
23 Emergency Financial Assistance program: monitor funding to determine community needs as other funding sources diminish	S. Lynch	May 30, 2023	January 23, 2024		
Subcommittees					
24 Gun Violence Workgroup	J. Reynolds	October 11, 2022	April 9, 2024	October 8, 2024	0375-24

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