



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
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## **Mayor's Proposed Budget**

- Mayor's Proposed FY14 Budget is a \$297 million spending plan, a 2.7% increase over the FY13 forecast.
- No broad-based tax increases.
- Limited bonding ... \$15.7 million ... to invest in infrastructure.
- Funding for 35 new firefighters, 28 funded through the Safer Grant, and the addition of another emergency medical ambulance.
- Funding for the Homelessness Office to coordinate services and intervene where needed, a goal identified by the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness.
- \$5 million to purchase land and design a new senior citizens center.
- \$150,000 for multi-use fields to accommodate soccer, football, field hockey, lacrosse and more.
- Funding for youth activities including the "I Do" initiative and camps for children with mental and physical disabilities.
- \$117,000 to improve maintenance of our greenways in neighborhoods.
- \$300,000 in the historic courthouse to make critical repairs while we plan for its future.

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- Invest \$250,000 to match private fund-raising to update the Kentucky Theatre.
- Increase strategic police overtime funds for neighborhoods, where even the threat of crime must be vigorously addressed.
- Improve public safety by improving their equipment – police cruisers, fire trucks, EMS buggies, radios, clothing and cardiac monitors.
- Add a Chief Information Officer, a commissioner-level position, to lead our information technology initiatives, strategically and operationally, with a focus on transparency and innovation.

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