



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 25, 2009**

DATE: April 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Virginia Department of Health funds for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$45,497 from the Virginia Department of Health (101.364000) to the Department of Human Services (101.55401) for consultant services to assess the current AIDS Drug Assistance Program, provide training for staff and improve client adherence to prescribed treatment protocols.

ISSUES: This is a request to accept and appropriate \$45,497 for specified activities. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) funds will be used to evaluate the current AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) system, initiate improvements to the system, train staff, and monitor and evaluate planned interventions for improved adherence to prescribed treatment protocols.

BACKGROUND: VDH's Division of Disease Prevention is offering a grant of \$45,497 over the next year (April 1, 2009 through April 1, 2010) to a number of local health districts to continue the implementation of ADAP treatment adherence strategies. Arlington County is one of the jurisdictions offered the opportunity to participate in this project.

DISCUSSION: DHS proposes continuing the services of a consultant hired in the previous project year to complete the ADAP program assessment and evaluation. The assessment will include an evaluation of medication delivery systems from both client and provider perspectives. Interventions will be proposed to enhance and support client adherence. Planned activities include surveying ADAP stakeholders, implementation of interventions to improve treatment adherence, and development of a monitoring tool to measure the impact of proposed interventions. The VDH grant will also cover staff training and the purchase of medication storage equipment for a new dispensing site at the main DHS building at 3033 Wilson Blvd.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. All expenses will be covered by the VDH grant. No local match is required.

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County Attorney: _____

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