



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

Date: April 25, 2009

SUBJECT: FY 2009 Grants for the Department of Human Services

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appropriate \$71,750 in FY 2009 from Commonwealth Recovery Funds (101.364501) to the Department of Human Services (DHS) (101.52101) for two mental health-focused recovery projects.
2. Appropriate \$361,418 in FY 2009 from Fairfax County acting as fiscal agent for the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) (101.364528) to DHS (101.52134) for the Regional Discharge Assistance Project.
3. Appropriate \$238,805 in FY 2009 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy-High Intensity Drug Treatment Area (HIDTA) program (101.374923) to DHS (101.52209) for a one-time grant for jail substance abuse and residential treatment programs.
4. Appropriate \$31,238 in FY 2009 from the Part C office within DMHMRSAS (101.374514) to DHS (101.55201) for contracted evaluations for children in the Parent Infant Education program.
5. Appropriate \$3,474 from the DMHMRSAS (101.364501) to DHS (101.56402) for purchase of substance abuse prevention materials.
6. Appropriate \$3,551 in federal Older Americans Act Title III-C (101.372531) to DHS (101.53104) for congregate meals at Langston-Brown and Walter Reed community centers.

ISSUE: This is a request to appropriate new grant funding. Revenue and expense budgets are being increased as appropriate. There is no impact on net tax support.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Robert Sharpe, DHS, Director's Office x1762

SUMMARY: DHS received additional funding from various state and regional revenue sources during fiscal year 2009. These are one-time funds. Staff recommends appropriation of all these funds as part of the FY 2009 DHS budget, as described and outlined.

DISCUSSION: Following is additional information for each recommendation, numbered correspondingly.

1. DHS's Behavioral Healthcare Division successfully applied for two grants to fund new approaches to consumer-focused recovery. These mental health projects include a grant to fund a consumer-run wellness center in Arlington County.
2. These are Regional Discharge Assistance Project funds that will provide assisted living services for 19 clients. The funding is for 12-month service plans for each individual approved, with different starting dates for each individual. Unexpended funds will be carried over into FY 2010 for the continuation of such services.
3. The federal Office of National Drug Control Policy's HIDTA program is focused on providing intensive substance abuse therapy in jails. DHS was invited to submit requests for one-time funds to augment program activities. These new funds will be used to add contract case management activities as well as other program-related enhancements. Funds are to be fully utilized by the end of CY 2009.
4. These federal funds cover service planning and direct services for developmentally disabled children under 3 years of age in the Arlington Parent Infant Education (PIE) program. The additional funds will be used for contracted evaluations needed to meet the 45-day timeline from referral to development of service plans; direct therapy service (physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy); and interpretation services for intakes, evaluations and therapy services for non-English speaking clients.
5. DMHMRSAS has set aside one-time funds for specific purchases that would augment or enhance prevention services. These one-time funds were offered in response to budget cuts that Community Services Boards have been experiencing. They are to be used only for the purchase of materials that would augment or enhance prevention services that address risk factors for youth substance abuse in Arlington. Strict guidelines were provided by DMHMRSAS' Office of Substance Abuse Services regarding what types of purchases could be made. Approved items include videos, books, posters, games and supplies for Red Ribbon Week, the annual school-based prevention effort.
6. These funds may be spent on the congregate meals program that operates at Langston-Brown and Walter Reed community centers. The funds cannot be spent on any other program.

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will appropriate an additional \$710,236 to DHS's FY 2009 budget. All appropriation requests are fully funded by state or regional funds and do not require any increase in County net tax support.