



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of June 13, 2009**

DATE: June 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Urban Area Security Initiative Funds to Support Public Health Emergency Planning

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$100,000 in federal Urban Area Security Initiative (101.374000) funds to the Department of Human Services (101.55001) for Fiscal Year 2010 to conduct emergency preparedness training and planning activities.

ISSUES: This is a request to appropriate federal funds. No local match is required and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing a grant to be spent by June 30, 2010 from the Urban Area Security Initiative 2008 budget to fund a personal services agreement (\$90,000) for public health emergency planning and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) outreach and training. This includes MRC outreach at community events and planning/training with a focus on medication dispensing for special populations. In addition to the contract position, approximately \$3,000 will be used to purchase a laptop and software applications. \$7,000 will be set aside for staff travel and training opportunities, e.g. National Emergency Preparedness Summit and epidemiology conferences.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing Urban Area Security Initiative 2008 funds to support to public health and medical services projects in Northern Virginia. The grant will be used to enhance public health preparedness through the development of plans, operational tools and training. A limited-term, grant-funded personal services agreement will be used to increase public health response capacity through MRC outreach and recruitment. MRC is an ongoing project that will enhance the capacity of public health through the development of a core group of non-medical and medically trained and credentialed volunteers. This pool of volunteers may be used to support epidemiological investigation activities, dispensing site activities, quarantine and isolation monitoring and provide personnel for informational hotlines during an emergency incident requiring a public health response.

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

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

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