



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: May 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Grant Award to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) Summer Camp Program from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the County Manager to accept and appropriate in FY 2010 \$47,700 in federal grant funds from the USDA (101.374900) to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources (PRCR) (101.85102) for nutritious meals for qualified summer camp participants.

ISSUES: County Board action is required to accept grant funds. No issues have been identified.

DISCUSSION: Families of children that receive free or reduced cost meals during the school year do not necessarily have the funds to provide meals during the summer months when school is closed. PRCR provides lunch to eight program locations through USDA income eligible programs.

BACKGROUND: Prior to 2008, Arlington Public Schools (APS) and PRCR each received USDA funds to provide lunches in summer programs. Then in 2008, according to APS, the qualifications for USDA meals program eligibility changed, and APS is no longer eligible for reimbursement for summer programs. This is the second year that PRCR is providing the USDA meals for our summer programs. PRCR, as the sponsor, continues to be eligible for full reimbursement for summer camp programs based on geographical census information as outlined by USDA. The funds will come to the County, and PRCR will pay a vendor to provide the meals. Without the USDA meals program at our qualified locations some children would go without a nutritious meal during the day.

FISCAL IMPACT: The United States Department of Agriculture grant will provide \$47,700 in funds to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources for this project. No FY 2010 County tax support is required by accepting this grant.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Pam Everett, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources