



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of July 11, 2009**

**DATE: June 15, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation of an Incident Command System (ICS) Training grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Appropriate, in Fiscal Year 2010, \$106,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for the continued compliance of the National Incident Management System's (NIMS) objectives and to assist the National Capital Region in training first responders in Incident Command and the management of incidents and events.

**ISSUES:** This grant is for training first responders in incident and event management principals and has been extended from its original grant period of July 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2009, to July 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009. The funds will be utilized to purchase support items such as course materials, supplemental handouts, and pay instructors to aid in achieving NIMS compliance.

**SUMMARY:** The ICS Training grant provides required training to first responders, such as firefighters, police officers, public health workers, utility employees, and other disciplines who will function during an emergency. Further, this grant supports the purchase of materials, supplemental handouts and to pay instructors to train the region's first responders.

**BACKGROUND:** The ICS Training grant is being awarded to Arlington County after having been with the District of Columbia's Fire and Emergency Medical Services Agency (FEMS) for several months. Previous grants have provided resources on a regional basis to supplement and assist with training efforts similar to this grant.

**DISCUSSION:** This funding will support planning and training needs for ICS training on a regional basis, managed by Arlington County Office of Emergency Management.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No County funds will be required or used for the ICS training. The grant award expires on December 31, 2009.

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County Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

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