



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: July 11, 2009

SUBJECT: Virginia Department for the Aging ARRA Funds

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appropriate \$25,312 in Virginia Department for the Aging American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds (101.372531) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (101.85605) and authorize 0.40 temporary grant funded FTE for the congregate meal program.
2. Appropriate \$12,461 in Virginia Department for the Aging American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds (101.372532) to the Department of Human Services (101.53104) for home delivered meals.

ISSUES: This is a request to expand the congregate and home delivered meals programs using one-time federal stimulus funds. The 15 percent match requirement will be fulfilled by allowable in-kind contributions. There is no impact on net tax support and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: Arlington County will receive \$25,312 for the senior congregate meal program and \$12,461 for home delivered meals, to be fully expended by November 30, 2010. These stimulus funds are intended to expand the number of meals served and/or retain or hire employees. In order to expand the number of persons served, a limited-term contract outreach position will be employed to increase participation among underserved communities. Provision of hot meals at Fairlington will necessitate the hire of a temporary kitchen assistant.

BACKGROUND: The funds will be used to enhance congregate meal programs at the Fairlington Community Center, Walter Reed Senior Center and Langston-Brown Senior Center, and increase the number of older adult residents served home delivered meals. Major new initiatives include serving nutritious hot meals in place of a cold box lunch and providing program and social service enrichment to non-English speaking seniors at congregate meal centers.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Barbara Karro, PRCR and Robert Sharpe, DHS

Asian community members have been specifically identified as underserved in Arlington’s congregate meals program. A limited-term contract outreach worker will recruit and train volunteers to increase participation in Arlington’s senior meal programs.

DISCUSSION: In addition to increasing participation at congregate meals, stimulus funds will be used to enhance the meals and settings in which they are provided.

Following is a budget breakdown:

Contract outreach worker	\$13,529
Temporary assistant for hot meal upgrade.....	\$8,722
Kitchen equipment	\$500
Coffee makers for three sites	\$550
Digital cameras for three sites.....	\$661
<u>Forty table coverings.....</u>	<u>\$1,350</u>
Total	\$25,312

The \$12,461 designated for home delivered meals will be used to increase the number and quality of meals provided. It is anticipated that the outreach worker will increase participation in both the congregate and home delivered meal programs.

Program enhancements are time-limited. Stimulus funds must be spent by November 30, 2010. Continuation of expanded hot meals and enhanced community outreach activities beyond this time would be contingent upon identification of additional funding. Absent additional funding, enhanced outreach efforts and hot meals will be discontinued after stimulus funds are expended.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. The FY 2010 increase to departmental expenses is offset by the receipt of grant funds. No additional net tax support is required.