



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of September 26, 2009**

Date: August 25, 2009

SUBJECT: FY 2010 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for Infant Toddler Connection of Arlington, also known as the Parent Infant Education Program (PIE) of the Department of Human Services.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate \$201,552 in ARRA funds from the Department of Education (101.374900) to the Department of Human Services (101.55201).

ISSUE: This is a request to appropriate ARRA funds for specified activities. No local match is required and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Department of Human Services (DHS) has received notification of ARRA funds to support early intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The ARRA funds will allow for the creation of a grant funded contract position to provide educational and developmental services to infants and toddlers and ensure timely start of services for eligible children. Funding will also be allocated to increase contracted services so that families receive earlier assessments, treatment plans, and services to meet all federal timeline requirements. Funds are also allocated to continue a contract service coordinator position, train staff and provide technology resources for development and support of an electronic medical record.

BACKGROUND: Funding for Part C services was included in the ARRA and the Virginia Part C Office was awarded a portion of this funding. The ARRA funds were distributed with the FY09 contract extension and were based on the child count for the past three years (number of children in services on December 1 of each year). Arlington received \$201,552 in the allocation for the contract extension.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. This action will appropriate an additional \$201,552 in federal grant funding to DHS' FY 2010 budget. No local match is required.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Margaret Jones, DHS-PIE Program