



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

**DATE:** August 24, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Year Two Grant Funds -- Federal Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (GEAP)

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Appropriate the second year's funding for a U.S. Department of Justice grant (101.374900) of \$151,158 to the following County departments: \$18,696 to the Police Department (101.31202), \$30,542 to the Commonwealth Attorney's Office (101.20701), and \$101,920 to the Department of Human Services (101.56305) in FY 2010.
2. Re-authorize two permanent grant-funded positions (2.0 FTE) that support a federal grant awarded to the County to strengthen the provision of direct services to victims of domestic violence and their families. One position (1.0 FTE) is currently used by the Police Department to provide crime analysis and the second position (1.0 FTE) is used by the Commonwealth's Attorney to provide support to victims and witnesses of domestic violence.

**ISSUE:** This is a request to accept year two federal grant funds. No local match is required. No issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** Project PEACE was awarded federal funding from the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Order Program in Fiscal Year 2009. This two year award created three positions dedicated to addressing domestic violence, with one each in the Police Department, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Doorways for Women and Families. Additionally, this grant provides funding for the production of materials for Spanish-speaking victims and survivors of domestic violence, education and training and the development of a data mart system to coordinate data across systems.

**BACKGROUND:** Unspent GEAP funds from FY 2009 and new GEAP funds from FY 2010 will fully fund, for an additional year, a 1.0 FTE bilingual Special Victims Unit Crime Analyst Technician in the Police Department and a 1.0 FTE bilingual Victim/Witness Specialist in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. A third position for an additional Court Advocate was hired through Project PEACE nonprofit partner Doorways for Women and Families who will receive funding through a contract with the Department of Human Services (DHS). In addition,

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Staff: Jo Johnson, Child & Family Services, DHS

DHS will produce materials in Spanish / English to be distributed through the Department of Human Services and will develop a data mart system to coordinate data across systems.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No local match funds are required. All expenditures are covered by grant funds. This two year grant is renewable and surrounding counties have received funding for up to ten years.

The grant period runs from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010 and impacts three County fiscal years:

- 10 months for FY09 (9/1/08 through 6/30/09) for \$ 178,313
- 12 months for FY2010 (7/1/09 through 6/30/10) for \$ 151,158
- 2 months for FY2011 (7/1/10 through 8/31/10) for \$ 55,473