



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of November 14, 2009**

**DATE:** November 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of grant and appropriation of grant funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia AmeriCorps State program.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Accept a one-year grant from Commonwealth of Virginia's AmeriCorps State Program (101.364900) in the amount of \$62,823 and appropriate to the Department of Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources' FY 2010 operating expenses (101.83024), and authorize 4.8 temporary FTE's. For payroll purposes, the 6 positions of 1,700 hours each provided by the grant total 4.8 temporary FTE's.
2. Authorize the Acting County Manager to sign the attached contract, subject to approval of the contract by the County Attorney's Office.

**ISSUES:** From this grant the County receives at least 10,200 hours of work through the employment for six recent high school graduates recruited primarily from the local area. Each student commits to working at least 1,700 hours over the course of the year. The grant award is not to exceed \$62,823.00. The County must provide a \$27,590 cash match as well as \$88,715 in in-kind contributions. Staff in-kind consists of training and supervision for the 6 employees.

**SUMMARY:** This grant will improve and increase the County's capacity to remove invasive plant species from the Four Mile Run Watershed and help us restore a more natural environment. Equally important, it also helps program participants earn an income and build money for college.

**BACKGROUND:** The AmeriCorps program is the Federal Government's pre-eminent domestic volunteer program with 156 full-time members currently serving throughout Virginia. The grant represents the only program in the state to use AmeriCorps members to address environmental issues. Eighty percent of the AmeriCorps members' living stipend will be paid by AmeriCorps, with the County paying the balance as part of the match requirement. The Segal Education Award for which AmeriCorps members will be eligible, will be paid entirely by AmeriCorps

**DISCUSSION:** The AmeriCorps Grant provides the County with six participants for a period of one year with options for renewal for two additional years. They will work on removing

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County Attorney: BRC/SAM

Staff: Miguel Ortega, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

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invasive plants and restoring environments in parks, with particular attention to stream valleys throughout the Four Mile Run watershed. Each AmeriCorps members will receive a stipend of \$11,400 per year and will be eligible for extended service with Arlington County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No new net tax support is required to support this grant and the temporary FTEs. The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources will provide the required in-kind match of \$88,715 through the services of existing personnel. Given the work of the grant-supported temporary FTEs in restoring park landscaping, PRCR will be able to reduce its current FY 2010 landscaping budget by \$27,590 (line item number 101-437405-83021-0000-0000-0000) and use those funds to meet the cash match requirement of the grant.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

STANDARD CONTRACT

Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This contract entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_, by Arlington Board hereinafter called the "Contractor" and Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services, Division of Community and Volunteer Services called the "Purchasing Agency."

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Purchasing Agency, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF CONTRACT: The Contractor shall provide the services to the Purchasing Agency as set forth in the Contract Documents.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: From November 16, 2009 through October 15, 2010.

COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT: The Contractor shall be paid by the Purchasing Agency as follows:

Upon submission of itemized invoices as specified in Sections 8 and 10 of the Contract. Total compensation shall not exceed \$62,823.00.

The contract documents shall consist of:

- (1) This signed form;
- (2) The Request for Proposal dated January 22, 2009, together with all written modifications thereof.
- (3) Addendum #1, Dated February 26, 2009.
- (4) The Contractor's Proposal dated May 29, 2009 and all of which documents are incorporated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Arlington Board  
AmeriCorps Four Mile Run Restoration

Virginia Department of Social Services

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

FIN No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1 or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.**