



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of January 23, 2010**

DATE: January 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Authorization for signing of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative grant agreements, acceptance and appropriation of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants for the management and operation of the Exercise and Training, National Incident Management System (NIMS), and Regional Planning Grant Programs.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to sign the Office of Emergency Management grant agreements from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative for the management and operation of the Exercise and Training, National Incident Management System and the regional planning grant program on behalf of the County Board.
2. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$125,000 in grant funds related to the FY 2010 Exercise and Training Program.
3. Appropriate in Fiscal Year 2010, \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for the Exercise and Training Program.
4. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$125,000 in grant funds related to the FY 2010 National Incident Management System Program.
5. Appropriate in Fiscal Year 2010, \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for the National Incident Management System Program.
6. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$250,000 in grant funds related to the FY 2010 Regional Planning Program.
7. Appropriate in Fiscal Year 2010, \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for the Regional Planning Program.

ISSUES: There are no issues associated with the acceptance and appropriation of these grants, which represent a continuation of Arlington's participation in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's, Urban Area Strategic Initiative program's allocation to the National Capital Region.

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County Attorney: AT/AN

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SUMMARY: These UASI grant funds provide funding for project managers to develop and facilitate training, develop exercises, coordinate emergency plans and to operationalize procedures. Training is provided via staff trainers and contractors hired to provide training. Course materials and equipment needs are also provided through these grant funds.

BACKGROUND: These UASI grants have been allocated to Arlington through the National Capital Region's grant. As a sub-grantee, Arlington is responsible for attaining and reporting on specified benchmarks for compliance and level of activity providing competence in the field.

DISCUSSION: The UASI grants provide the necessary funding to the National Capital Region, and to Arlington specifically, so that the Office of Emergency Management and its partnering agencies are able to comply with preparedness standards and training. Because of Arlington's proximity to federal assets and office locations, the level of vulnerability is greater than in some surrounding jurisdictions. This funding allows Arlington to provide training and preparedness where local funding may be unavailable.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no matching funds required under these grants. There is no financial impact to Arlington with this appropriation and the UASI grant program.