



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 7, 2007**

DATE: June 7, 2007

SUBJECT: Appropriation of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant for the continuation of National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Appropriate, in Fiscal Year 2008, \$62,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101. put revenue natural account) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for NIMS compliance coordination.
2. Reauthorize 1.0 FTE for a limited-term grant funded position in the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) to act as the program manager for the UASI NIMS Compliance Support grant coordinator.

ISSUES: None

SUMMARY: The UASI grant is a grant of federal funds provided to Arlington through the National Capital Region (NCR). The Arlington Office of Emergency Management uses this funding to provide training management and equipment associated with preparedness. The NIMS Compliance Support project provides direction, training and certification in Incident Command System (ICS)/NIMS training.

BACKGROUND: Arlington County has received U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant to fund programs and operations in OEM for the benefit of Arlington County. This NIMS grant allows continuation of the highly successful program of providing command and control training to first responders, staff and volunteers.

DISCUSSION: This grant will fund the following priorities:

- NIMS adoption at the community level for all government departments and agencies
- Promotion of NIMS adoption by associations, utilities, non-governmental organizations and private sector incident management and response organizations.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Peter Nielsen, Office of Emergency Management

- Management of all emergency incidents and preplanned events in accordance with ICS organizational structures, doctrine and procedures as defined in NIMS.
- Coordination of emergency incident and event management supported through the use of integrated multi-agency systems.
- Establishment of the community's baseline against FY 2005 and FY 2006 implementation requirements.
- Establishment of a timeframe and strategy for full NIMS implementation.
- Promote intrastate and inter-agency mutual aid agreements to include agreements with the private sector and non-governmental agencies.
- Implementation of emergency management on-line training courses in IS-700 and IS-800 NRP, ICS-100 and ICS -200 for all employees.
- Incorporate NIMS/ICS into all local and regional training exercises.
- Include local participation in an all-hazard exercise program that is based on NIMS.
- Teach "train the trainer" for ICS -300 and ICS-400.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. No Arlington County funds are required to complete the work associated with this grant.