



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of April 24, 2010**

**DATE: March 22, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation of Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) grant funds.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Accept a grant award from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (101.374900) and appropriate \$274,322 to Arlington Economic Development (101.71001) operating expenses.
2. Re-authorize 2.0 FTEs (Full Time, Grant-Funded) positions.

**ISSUES:** This grant continues the funding of key staff and activities for Arlington to respond to the 2005 Base Re-alignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions.

**SUMMARY:** Arlington County and Arlington Economic Development (AED) have been awarded a grant of \$274,322 from the Department of Defense Community Planning Assistance Funds to carry out a community economic adjustment program in Arlington. Specifically, these funds will support the salaries, benefits and non-personnel support of the BRAC Coordinator and BRAC Project Assistant that will work directly with the community impacts of the decisions the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission made in 2005.

**BACKGROUND:** The County Board authorized the County Manager to submit a grant application on July 8, 2006 to contend with the impacts that the BRAC decisions had on Arlington County. This award is a continuation of the original grant to mitigate the economic impacts to Arlington.

**DISCUSSION:** The result of 2005 BRAC Commission decisions will be the relocation or closing of agencies operating from nearly 4 million square feet of leased office space in Arlington. BRAC could also impact nearly 17,000 defense jobs -- making Arlington the community most affected by BRAC in the United States.

With 24,000 defense personnel, contractors, and consultants scheduled to leave the area (about two-fifths of these people are slated to move outside of Virginia), it is in Arlington's interest to retain as many of these professional and high-tech personnel within the county as possible. The

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efforts of AED's BRAC Coordinator and Project Assistant will enable Arlington to strengthen its response to the 2005 BRAC Commission decisions and effectively manage the impacts to the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No new net tax support is required to accept this grant. The partial local match that is required by the grant is achieved through personnel expenses budgeted in AED's FY 2010 Adopted Budget.