



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of July 10, 2010**

**Date:** June 24, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Appropriate \$71,250 in FY 2011 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (101.364501) to the Department of Human Services (101.52139).
2. Authorize a 1.0 grant-funded, limited-term FTE for mental health jail diversion activities.
3. Authorize the Director of DHS or her designated agent to sign a grant agreement relating to these funds.

**ISSUE:** This is a request to appropriate new federal grant funds for specified activities. No net tax support is required and no issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) has received notification of one-time funding to expand mental health jail diversion efforts underway in Arlington. The grant will allow for the creation of a 1.0 limited-term FTE to coordinate expansion of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. CIT training is critical to increasing the capacity of Arlington County Police to deal with people in mental health crisis and, when appropriate, divert them from jail to community-based treatment.

**BACKGROUND:** DHS has been working with the Sheriff, Police and Magistrate to divert non-violent offenders who would be better served by mental health and/or substance abuse services rather than jail. The sequential intercept program started with state funding to work with persons with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system. Since its inception in 2007, the program has grown from 2.0 to 5.5 grant-funded FTEs providing mental health services. CIT training has been delivered by existing DHS staff to more than 75 law enforcement personnel in the region. The addition of this new limited-term FTE will expand training opportunities and coordinate data collection and analysis with the Police Department.

County Manager: MB

County Attorney: SM MTN

Staff: Michael Peter, DHS, Behavioral Healthcare Division x5003

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. This action will appropriate an additional \$71,250 in federal grant funding to FY 2011 budget. Existing grant funds already approved as part of the FY2011 budget process will be applied towards a \$3,750 match requirement.