



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of September 25, 2010

DATE: September 02, 2010

SUBJECT: Virginia Department of Health Cities Readiness Initiative Funds for Medication Dispensing in an Emergency

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$26,398 from the Virginia Department of Health (101.364100) to the Department of Human Services (101.55001) in FY 2011 to support medication dispensing planning.

ISSUES: This is a request to appropriate federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for specified activities. No local match is required and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Health has approved the spending of FY 2011 Cities Readiness Initiative funds for equipment, supplies and personnel. The Department of Human Services will use the funds for: a mobile, climate-controlled vaccine storage trailer, a laptop computer with accessories, a temporary inventory worker, and an existing Public Health Emergency Planner position.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Health received a grant for \$103,766 from the Centers for Disease Control for the FY 2011 Cities Readiness Initiative. The goal of the program is to enhance the Public Health Division's ability to provide 100% of the residential and visiting population in Arlington with medication within 48 hours of being activated to respond to an emergency. The only funds which need to be appropriated are those supporting the storage trailer, laptop and inventory worker.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. All expenses will be covered by the grant. No local match is required. The total grant award is \$103,766; of that amount, \$77,368 will be used to support a Public Health Emergency Planner position, budgeted in FY 2011 with all local funding. This will save the County approximately \$77,000 in net tax support.

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County Attorney:

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