



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of September 25, 2010**

DATE: September 01, 2010

SUBJECT: Authorization for acceptance and appropriation of an FY 2011 Highway Safety Program grant award from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$52,100 in grant funds related to the FY 2011 Virginia Highway Safety Program.
2. Appropriate \$52,100 in FY 2011 from the Virginia Highway Safety Grant Program (101.364900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the administration of the grant program.

ISSUES: There are no issues associated with the acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2011 Highway Safety Program grant.

SUMMARY: The Police Department has been awarded \$52,100 in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for a highway safety project entitled "Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program". The funds will be used to subsidize overtime costs associated with the project and to purchase a speed measuring device.

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is the federal agency responsible for the promotion of highway safety activities throughout the United States. As part of its responsibility, USDOT provides federal funding to the states for the purpose of adopting and improving projects or programs designed to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities on the highways within their boundaries. In Virginia, federal funding is administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and is provided to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state for the development and continuation of highway safety projects.

DISCUSSION: Each year, the Arlington County Police Department submits an application to the Virginia DMV for Highway Safety Program grant funding to subsidize the costs associated with its selective traffic enforcement programs. Selective traffic enforcement programs include

County Manager:

County Attorney:

Staff: M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police

aggressive driving, speed enforcement, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, and other traffic safety initiatives.

The FY 2011 grant award authorizes the Police Department to purchase one speed measuring device (LIDAR set), which comes with a one year warranty. This equipment has an anticipated lifespan of 5-10 years and there are no significant costs associated with its routine maintenance.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES	COST
Purchase (1) LIDAR set	\$3,000
Overtime funding related to DUI, aggressive driving, and other traffic enforcement programs	\$48,750
Officer Training	\$350
TOTAL	\$52,100

FISCAL IMPACT: Under this award, the DMV will provide \$52,100 in grant funds. The Police Department is required to provide a 20% in-kind match for the DMV Highway Safety Grant, which is \$10,420. The in-kind contributions include gas and maintenance of police vehicles and other administrative costs that are part of the Police Department’s annual operating budget.