



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 13, 2010**

DATE: October 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Appropriation of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funded through the National Capital Region Commission: Northern Virginia Emergency Response System Subcommittee (NVERS) for a Regional Private-Sector Recovery Forum and After Action Report.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Appropriate \$140,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for Regional Private-Sector Resource Recovery Forum(s) and After Action Recommendation Report.
2. Authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to accept the grant and execute the grant agreement.

ISSUES: This grant represents a continuation of Arlington's participation in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's, Urban Area Strategic Initiative program's allocation to the National Capital Region.

SUMMARY: These UASI grant funds provide funding for the production of two Regional Public-Private Recovery Forums: one for-profit and another one for not-for-profit resulting in a recommendation planning report on building a system that would facilitate recovery resource, volunteer and donation locating, acquisition, management and distribution.

BACKGROUND: This UASI grant has been allocated to Arlington through the National Capital Region's grant. As a sub-grantee, Arlington is responsible for attaining and reporting on specified benchmarks for compliance and level of activity providing competence in the field.

DISCUSSION: Arlington County has been designated by Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) to be a lead on providing Northern Virginia Regional Public-Private Recovery Forums in which communities can create new partnerships and interdependency opportunities with private-sectors: for and not-for profit and resource providers of goods and services. These forums will facilitate diverse stakeholders focused on identifying and engaging private-sector providers of recovery resources in pre-event recovery planning. In addition, the

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Charlotte Franklin, Deputy Coordinator of Resiliency, Preparedness, Partnerships, Office of Emergency Management

outcome will be a report identifying recovery resource issues and possible gaps, an evaluation of their relevancy in successful recovery and corrective recommendations to address and prioritize relevant resource issues, gaps, and management.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no matching funds required under this grant, and no fiscal impact to Arlington with this appropriation. The funding will fully support the cost of consultants to carry out the grant activities and associated operating expenses. The period of performance of this grant ends at the close of FY 2011.



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October 22, 2010

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Ms. Barbara Donnellan
Arlington County Manager
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 302
Arlington VA 22201

Dear Ms. Donnellan:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that, pursuant to funding allocation decisions made by the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System regional steering committee, \$140,000 has been earmarked for Arlington County from 2008 Reprogrammed Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds. These additional funds will support sustainment activities related to enhancement of the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (also known as MMRS – Metropolitan Medical Response System). Specifically, these funds will be used by Arlington's Office of Emergency Management on behalf of the entire Northern Virginia region for the purpose of conducting a regional Public Private Forum focusing on disaster recovery and resilience.

For the sake of this initiative, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission serves as the subgrantee for the entire region, working cooperatively with local jurisdictions like Arlington County to achieve programmatic success. NVRC has received a total of \$1,500,000 of 2008 Reprogrammed UASI funds of which this particular project is a piece.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Mark Gibb".

G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director

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cc: Mark Schwartz, Deputy County Manager
Jack Brown, Director, Office of Emergency Management

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(as of July 27, 2010)