



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of December 11, 2010

DATE: November 11, 2010

SUBJECT: Appropriate grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to Office of Emergency and Management (OEM) for the management and operation of the Exercise and Training, National Incident Management System (NIMS), Metropolitan Medical Response Systems (MMRS), and Citizen Corps outreach programs.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appropriate \$36,574 for the Exercise and Training Program and \$89,012 for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Program from the U.S Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020).
2. Appropriate \$237,007 for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) program and \$21,230 for the Citizen Corps outreach program from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (101.374200, 101.375250) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020).

ISSUES: There are no issues associated with the appropriation of the above mentioned grants, which represent a continuation of Arlington's participation in the UASI program, as well as in the MMRS and Citizen Corps programs.

SUMMARY: These grant funds provide funding for project managers to develop and facilitate training, develop exercises, coordinate emergency plans and to operationalize plans and procedures. A small amount of grant expense and revenue is budgeted annually for the cost of staff responsible for each grant, however that budget does not provide for the operational costs of the grant. The appropriation of both the expense and revenue would ensure that each grant is able to meet the deliverables stated in the grant award and that the County will be reimbursed for those costs.

BACKGROUND: These grants have 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.

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Staff: Jeffrey E. Bergin, Management and Budget Specialist, Office of Emergency Management

DISCUSSION: The grants provide the necessary funding so that the Office of Emergency Management and its partnering agencies are able to comply with preparedness standards and training. Due to Arlington's proximity to federal assets and office locations, the level of vulnerability is greater than in some surrounding jurisdictions. The funding allows Arlington to provide training and preparedness where local funding may be unavailable.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact in appropriating the expense and revenue associated with the above-mentioned grants, as no matching funds are required. The expense and revenue to be appropriated are the remaining balances on active grants that have already been accepted and appropriated by previous County Board actions.