



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 11, 2010**

DATE: November 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Accept and manage a regional \$746,750 FY 2008 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Medical Care Support Units and Supplies grant from the Government of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept and manage the regional FY 2008 UASI Medical Care Support Units and Supplies grant from the Government of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (794.91261).
2. Authorize the County Manager or her designee to enter into any agreement(s) associated with this grant.

ISSUE: There are no issues associated with this regional grant.

SUMMARY: The Fire Department is taking this project on behalf of the National Capital Region (NCR). This grant provides funds to purchase two Medical Care Support Units (MCSUs) along with two supply caches for each MCSU. One MCSU will be assigned to Maryland and one MCSU to Virginia. Each MCSU is capable of treating 100 patients at a mass casualty scene.

BACKGROUND: There are still some remaining gaps that exist in ensuring an effective response to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) in the NCR. In FY 2004 the NCR received seven Medical Ambulance Buses (MAB) and five MCSUs as part of UASI funding. While this equipment has built significant capacity, it is not sufficient to meet the needs of the current NCR population. The additional MCSUs and associated medical supplies will increase the region's capacity to respond with the volume of medical supplies to provide the initial care to 700 patients. These resources, partnered with the current fleet of Medical Ambulance Buses, will provide Fire-EMS with the resources necessary to support solid regional response to a mass casualty incident.

County Manager: *BMD/mjs*
County Attorney: *[Signature]* *MTN*
Staff: James Schwartz, Fire Department

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DISCUSSION: This will complete the pairing of the MCSUs and the MABs for local or regional response in the NCR as described in the NCR Fire Chiefs 2004 plan. NCR jurisdictions with both an MCSU and an MAB will include the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Montgomery, Prince Georges and the District of Columbia.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the County from managing this grant for the NCR. The units purchased will not be located in Arlington, and the County will not be responsible for any ongoing costs related to their operation and maintenance.