



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of January 22, 2011**

**DATE:** December 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2009 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$174,600 in non-competitive grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).
2. Appropriate \$174,600 in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (101.364900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the FY 2009 Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) Grant.

**ISSUES:** There are no issues associated with the acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2009 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant.

**SUMMARY:** Arlington County was allocated \$174,600 in Federal funds under the FY 2009 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant for the protection of critical infrastructure assets.

**BACKGROUND:** The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is the State Administrative Agency for BZPP grant awards. Funding may be used for equipment relating to program objectives. VDEM allocates program funds to jurisdictions responsible for the safety and security of communities in which Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources sites are located.

**DISCUSSION:** The Department of Homeland Security maintains an Infrastructure Asset List that includes several sites located in Arlington County. The protection of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource sites is a major part of the overall homeland security strategy. These BZPP funds are specifically designated for the purchase of equipment that will enhance the protection of police officers and their ability to respond to the water pollution control plant, in Arlington, in the event of a terrorist act. Additionally, the equipment purchased under this grant may be used to protect other critical assets and key resources ensuring a broader impact on the security of other assets located within County. A list of the equipment that will be purchased with the grant appears below.

County Manager:

*BMD/mjs*

County Attorney:

*MTN*

*[Signature]*

19.

Staff: M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
Barcode Tracking System	1	\$30,000	7-8
Traffic Cones	400	\$4,200	5
Night Vision Equipment	7	\$23,800	8-10
Extrication/Entry Tools	30	\$9,600	8-10
Ballistic Shields	10	\$15,000	8-10
Surveillance/Lighting Video Trailer	1	\$90,500	10
Computer Software for Forensic Investigations	1	\$1,500	2-4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$174,600</b>	

**FISCAL IMPACT:** All expenses associated with this BZPP grant are reimbursable up to the grant amount, \$174,600. No local match is required. The equipment being purchased with this grant funding has varying useful lives. As the equipment approaches the end of its useful life the Police department will evaluate potential funding sources for the replacement of this equipment as needed.