



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of June 11, 2011**

DATE: May 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Authorization for acceptance of equipment acquired through an Urban Area Security Initiatives grant and administered through the Montgomery County Maryland Police Department.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the County Manager to accept \$215,555 in equipment and training for tactical team enhancements acquired using an Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) grant which is administered by the Montgomery County Police Department.

ISSUES: This UASI sub-grant is part of the U.S. Homeland Security Grant Program which is being administered locally by the Montgomery County Police Department. There are no known issues.

SUMMARY: The Police Department will receive \$215,555 in equipment and training in order to enhance the capabilities of its tactical team and meet the qualification requirements identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be designated a Type 1 team. Resource typing is the categorization and description of resources that are commonly exchanged in disaster via mutual aid by capacity and/or capability.

BACKGROUND: The Montgomery County Police Department received a \$1.6 million grant award from the Government of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. The goal of the grant is to increase response capabilities of tactical teams with the National Capital Region (NCR). These UASI funds will allow for tactical team enhancements that include night vision equipment and training. The enhancements, designated by FEMA, are required in order for a tactical team to maintain its Type 1 category of response capabilities.

DISCUSSION: Under this grant, Arlington County Police Department will receive 19 new night vision goggles and related equipment valued at \$178,125 that has already been purchased, by the Montgomery County Police Department. The training will also be coordinated by the

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County Attorney:

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Staff: M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police

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Montgomery County Police Department and \$37,430 in funding has been specifically designated to cover training for Arlington tactical team.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Police Department will receive night vision equipment and training with a total value of \$215,555 from the Montgomery County Police Department. All expenses will be covered by the grant which is being administrated by Montgomery County Police Department. No local match is required. The equipment comes with a five year warranty and has a life span of approximately seven years. There are no known annual maintenance costs for the equipment. Once the equipment has reached the end of its' useful life cycle, the Police Department will examine other funding sources in order to meet replacement needs. However, this equipment is required to maintain the tactical team's Type I category of response capabilities which is an expectation of the grant. Therefore, the County may need to provide replacement funds for the equipment and possibly for training if other sources cannot be identified.