



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of October 15, 2011**

DATE: August 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Authorization for acceptance and appropriation of an FY 2012 Highway Safety Program grant award from Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$52,025 in grant funds related to the FY 2012 Virginia Highway Safety Program.
2. Appropriate \$52,025 in FY 2012 from the Virginia Highway Safety Grant Program (101.364900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the administration of the grant program.

ISSUES: There are no issues associated with the acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2012 Highway Safety Program grant.

SUMMARY: The Police Department has been awarded \$52,025 in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for a highway safety project entitled "Selective Enforcement." The funds will be used to subsidize overtime costs associated with the project, officer training, and the purchase of equipment related to DUI and traffic enforcement.

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is the federal agency responsible for the promotion of highway safety activities throughout the United States. As part of its responsibility, USDOT provides federal funding to the states for the purpose of adopting and improving projects or programs designed to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities on the highways within their boundaries. In Virginia, federal funding is administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and is provided to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state for the development and continuation of highway safety projects.

DISCUSSION: Each year, the Arlington County Police Department submits an application to the Virginia DMV for Highway Safety Program grant funding to subsidize the costs associated with its selective traffic enforcement programs. Selective traffic enforcement programs include

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aggressive driving, speed enforcement, DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, and other traffic safety initiatives.

The table below reflects the FY 2012 DMV grant budget authorizations:

DMV Grant Budget	Quantity	Total Cost
Overtime funding related to selective traffic enforcement programs	N/A	\$38,900
Hand held LASER speed enforcement devices	3	\$6,300
DUI Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) devices	15	\$4,875
Radar Detector	1	\$1,500
Training/Travel – 2012 Mid-Atlantic DUI Conference	1	\$450
TOTAL		\$52,025

FISCAL IMPACT: Under this award, DMV will provide \$52,025 in reimbursable grant funds. The Police Department is required to provide a 20% in-kind match for the DMV Highway Safety Grant, which is \$10,405. The “in-kind” contributions include the gas and maintenance of police vehicles and other administrative costs that are part of the Police Department’s annual operating budget. The equipment to be purchased has an anticipated lifespan of 5-10 years and there are no significant costs associated with its routine maintenance. Once the equipment has reached the end of its useful lifecycle, the Police Department will attempt to identify additional funding to cover the replacement costs.