



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of November 19, 2011**

**DATE:** October 11, 2011

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

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$18,850 in grant funds related to the FY 2012 Virginia Highway Safety Program.
2. Appropriate \$18,850 in FY 2012 from the Virginia Highway Safety Grant Program (101.364900) to the Sheriff's Office (101.22101) 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 Sheriff's Office has been awarded \$18,850 in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for a highway safety project entitled "Arlington County: Roadway Safety Initiative." The funds will be used to subsidize overtime costs associated with the project and to purchase five (5) vehicle digital video recorders/cameras.

**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 Sheriff's Office submits an application to the Virginia DMV for Highway Safety Program grant funding to subsidize the costs associated with

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County Attorney:

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its selective traffic enforcement programs. Selective traffic enforcement programs include aggressive driving, speed enforcement, and other traffic safety initiatives.

The FY 2012 grant award authorizes the Sheriff’s Office to purchase five (5) vehicle digital video recorders/cameras. This equipment has an anticipated lifespan of 5 – 7 years and there are no significant costs associated with its routine maintenance.

<b>PROGRAM INITIATIVES</b>	<b>COST</b>
Purchase five (5) vehicle digital video recorder/camera	\$2,450
Overtime funding related to DUI and aggressive driving and other traffic enforcement programs	\$16,200
Deputy training	\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,850</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Under this award, DMV will provide \$18,850 in grant funds. The Sheriff’s Office is required to provide a 20% match for the DMV Highway Safety Grant, which is \$3,770. The matching funds will come from “in-kind” expenses of the Sheriff’s Office primarily consisting of gas and maintenance costs related to the use of sheriff vehicles.