



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: November 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Arlington County's Participation in the Virginia Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sharing Program.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached "Resolution Authorizing Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 2013 Revenue Sharing Program Funds" to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT").

ISSUES: County Board approval is required to participate in VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program to help fund County transportation projects. A 50% local match is required. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The attached Resolution (Attachment A) authorizes and directs the County Manager to apply for VDOT's Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sharing Program ("Program") to request funding in the total amount of \$175,000. The County will need to provide a dollar-for-dollar local match for any funds received through the Program. It is recommended that the combination of Program funds and the County's local match be used for the Shirlington Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND: VDOT annually allocates State funds through the Program to local governments for the purpose of constructing, maintaining or improving primary and secondary highways, including trails. Counties that participate in the Program must provide a dollar-for-dollar local match for money received through the Program.

Traditionally local governing bodies of eligible counties were permitted to apply for up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 in Program funds. This year, the Virginia General Assembly authorized VDOT to accept applications for up to a maximum amount of \$10,000,000. However, it is not clear if additional funding is available.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Jennifer Fioretti, Department of Environmental Services

Additionally, Arlington has already been allocated \$467,500 in FY 2013 Revenue Sharing Program funds, as a carry-over from the FY 2012 application process.

DISCUSSION: The attached Resolution states that Arlington County will apply for additional funding from the FY 2013 Revenue Sharing Program for an amount of \$175,000, in addition to funds which were allocated to the County from the FY 2012 Program. The funds received will be subject to a required local match.

Since Program funds must be used for improvements to the highway network (including trails), the County is limited in the type of projects that can be submitted for funding. Transit capital and operations, for example, are typically not eligible.

The Arlington County Transportation Commission reviewed this item at its meeting on November 3, 2011. By a vote of 8-0 the Commission approved a motion to recommend that the County Board adopt the proposed Resolution Authorizing Application to the Program.

It is recommended that Program funds be sought for the design of the Shirlington Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project across Four Mile Run, bounded by 27th Street South to the north and South Arlington Mill Drive to the south. This bridge will improve a critical link between the W&OD trail and the Four Mile Run trail. It will also greatly improve the safety of an existing substandard pedestrian connection between the Nauck Neighborhood to the north and the Shirlington Village, a major activity center, to the south.

The project design phase can be completely funded with the \$350,000, proposed as \$175,000 from the Program with a \$175,000 local match. The local funding required for the Program match is identified in the Arlington County Adopted FY 2011 – FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is recommended that the County apply for a total of \$175,000 in State Revenue Sharing funds. The State requires that all Program funds be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis, requiring a local match and total potential fiscal impact to the County of up to \$175,000. In the event that the State only partially funds Arlington's request, the required local match and fiscal impact to the County would drop to an amount equal to the State's commitment. The County's local match is anticipated to be provided by County bond funds expected to be approved as part of the FY 2013 budget process.

Attachment A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2013 REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia (“County Board”) desires to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for an allocation of \$175,000 in Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sharing Program funds for the Shirlington Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County Board hereby supports the making of applications and authorizes and directs the County Manager to make applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation for \$175,000 of Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sharing Program funds for the above described projects, and further authorizes the County Manager to execute a project administration agreement for the approved revenue sharing project subject to approval of such agreement as to form by the County Attorney.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2011.

Chair