



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of January 21, 2012**

DATE: December 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Urban Area Security Initiative Funds to Support Public Health Emergency Planning

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$103,000 in federal Urban Area Security Initiative (“UASI”) funds (101.374900) to the Department of Human Services (101.55102) for Fiscal Year 2012 to conduct emergency preparedness training and planning activities.

ISSUES: This is a request to appropriate federal Urban Area Security Initiative funds. No local match is required and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing a \$103,000 grant to be spent by October 1, 2013, from the Urban Area Security Initiative to fund a personal services agreement (\$99,000) for public health emergency planning and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) outreach and training. In addition to the contract position, approximately \$4,000 will be used to support training-related administrative costs.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing Urban Area Security Initiative 2011 funds to support public health and medical services projects in Northern Virginia. The grant will be used by the County to enhance public health preparedness through the development of plans, operational tools and training. A limited-term, grant-funded personal services agreement will be used to increase public health response capacity through MRC outreach and recruitment.

MRC is an ongoing project that will further enhance Arlington’s public health capacity through the development of a core group of non-medical and medically trained and credentialed volunteers. This pool of volunteers may be used to support epidemiological investigation activities, dispensing site activities, quarantine and isolation monitoring, and provide personnel for informational hotlines during an emergency incident requiring a public health response.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. All expenses will be covered by the grant. No local match is required.

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