



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### County Board Agenda Item Meeting of June 16, 2012

**DATE:** May 24, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance and Appropriation of a Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant

#### **C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the County Manager or her designee to accept \$12,188 in FY 2012 grant funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the County Board.
2. Appropriate \$12,188 from FY 2012 Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development funds (101.364900) to the Department of Human Services (101.51108) for homeless prevention activities.

**ISSUES:** This is a request for County Board approval to accept and appropriate grant funds. No net tax support is required and no issues have been identified.

**DISCUSSION:** The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded the Department of Human Services \$12,188 in FY 2012 funds to be used for homeless prevention activities, primarily in the areas of rental or utility assistance and case management. These Emergency Solutions Grant funds are an increase over an original allocation of \$22,559 already included in the base budget. The additional funds bring the total Emergency Solutions Grant award for FY 2012 to \$34,747.

Emergency Solutions Grants provide financial assistance and services to help individuals and families at risk of homelessness maintain permanent housing. Services may include rent assistance/subsidy, rent/utility deposits and case management. The additional \$12,188 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds will help an estimated 3-4 Arlington households at risk of homelessness maintain housing via short-term financial assistance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. There is no match requirement and no impact on net tax support

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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Staff: Cynthia Stevens, Housing Bureau Chief, DHS