



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: July 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Appropriation of a Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Grant

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Arlington County Manager or her designee to execute a grant agreement to accept funds from the Virginia Department of Health for FY 2013.
2. Appropriate \$3,000 in Virginia Department of Health Grant funds (101.364101) to the Department of Human Services (101.55410) in FY 2013 for Tobacco Control activities conducted by the Arlington County Public Health Division.

ISSUES: This is a request to appropriate funds. This is a new Public Health Division project focused on control strategies. No net tax support is required and no issues have been identified.

DISCUSSION: The Virginia Department of Health has awarded the Arlington County Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, funds in the amount of \$3,000 to support tobacco use control and prevention activities within the Arlington County Health District. The funding will supplement ongoing evidence-based tobacco use control strategies to include education, community mobilization, community access and relationship building.

The Partnerships for a Healthier Arlington has identified tobacco use as a major issue to be addressed in Arlington County. Tobacco use is a preventable cause of chronic illness and death. In Arlington, 12 percent of adults smoke. In the 2010 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 20 percent of 12th graders said they had used cigarettes in the past 30 days. The Virginia Department of Health funds will allow for further collaboration to address this community priority.

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

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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Staff: Josephine Peters, DHS, Public Health Division