



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of September 15, 2012**

**DATE:** August 15, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance and appropriation of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Highway Safety Program grant award from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the County Manager or her designee to accept \$45,600 in grant funds related to the FY 2013 Virginia Highway Safety Program.
2. Appropriate \$45,600 in FY 2013 from the Virginia Highway Safety Grant Program (101.364900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the administration of the grant program.

**ISSUES:** There are no issues associated with the acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2013 Highway Safety Program grant.

**SUMMARY:** The Police Department has been awarded \$45,600 in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to support highway safety programs designed to reduce fatalities, injuries, and property damage resulting from traffic accidents. Funding will be used to cover the overtime costs associated with this program.

**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 Police Department submits an application to the Virginia DMV for Highway Safety Program grant funding in order to support its selective traffic enforcement programs. Selective traffic enforcement programs include aggressive

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driving, speed enforcement, DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, and other traffic safety initiatives.

The table below reflects the FY 2013 DMV grant budget authorizations:

| Project Title                               | Total Cost      |
|---|-----------------|
| Selective Enforcement – Occupant Protection | \$3,000         |
| Selective Enforcement – Pedestrian/Bicycle  | \$3,000         |
| Selective Enforcement – DUI                 | \$25,600        |
| Selective Enforcement – Speeding            | \$14,000        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$45,600</b> |

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Under this award, DMV will provide \$45,600 in reimbursable grant funds. The Police Department’s required 50 percent in-kind match of \$22,800 will be satisfied through fuel and maintenance for police vehicles and other administrative costs, all of which are part of the Police Department’s regular operating budget. No equipment will be purchased under this grant.