



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of October 20, 2012

DATE: September 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Appropriation of an Urban Area Security Initiative Grant for conducting emergency preparedness training and planning activities.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the County Manager or her designee to execute a grant agreement to accept \$103,000 in federal Urban Area Security Initiative funds.
2. Appropriate \$103,000 in federal Urban Area Security Initiative funds (101.374904) to the Department of Human Services (101.55102) for Fiscal Year 2013 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 May 31, 2014 from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The funds will provide \$99,000 for contracted public health emergency planning and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) outreach and \$4,000 for administrative costs.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing Urban Area Security Initiative 2012 funds to support public health and medical services projects in Northern Virginia. The grant will support two contractors. An emergency preparedness coordinator (\$67,000) will support and develop community partnerships to enhance overall public health preparedness. An MRC coordinator (\$32,000) will conduct MRC outreach, recruitment and training activities. In addition to the contracted services, the grant covers \$4,000 in administrative costs.

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

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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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.