



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of October 13, 2007**

DATE: October 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Appropriation of U.S. Department of Justice State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funds.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate, in FY 2008, \$392,176 in SCAAP funds from U.S. Department of Justice (101.364900) to the Sheriffs Office (101.22301).

ISSUE: None.

SUMMARY: The SCAAP grant is a yearly federal grant to help selected local jurisdictions. The grant funds received are for sentenced undocumented criminal aliens in the Detention Facility between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005. These funds will be used to offset expenditures to purchase a variety of new and replacement equipment for the Courthouse and Detention Facility.

BACKGROUND: The SCAAP is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs in conjunction with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). SCAAP is a payment program determined by the number of inmates held in the Sheriff's custody for at least four consecutive days and sentenced to one felony or two misdemeanors. Local and state jurisdictions are permitted to apply for these funds once a year. Payment amounts are determined by fixed formula using the data submitted by the Arlington County Sheriff's Office. The formula includes the number of illegal alien inmates and the duration of their confinement. The amount of the funding varies from year to year depending on the federal budget allocation.

DISCUSSION: In the past, SCAAP funds have been used to offset costs of Sheriff's Office operations ranging from offsetting overtime costs to funding studies to better define actual needs. The Sheriff seeks to use the SCAAP funding to fund:

1. \$18,475 to purchase new Cameras and DVR system for the Detention Facility. These will enhance the security in the facility.
2. \$1,200 for new digital cameras for the Detention Facility. These will be used during investigations in the ACDF.

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Staff: Susie Doyel, Sheriff's Office

3. \$80,000 to purchase a new industrial dishwasher for the Detention Facility kitchen. The current dishwasher is over 12 years old and is used for clean-up of over 2,000 meals a day.
4. \$100,000 for 3 new industrial washers and dryers for the Detention Facility Central Laundry. The current washers and dryers are over 12 years old and are becoming harder to get repaired as parts become obsolete.
5. \$4,800 for a fixed asset system with property tags. This would be used to barcode and track all fixed assets in the Detention Facility.
6. \$10,000 for a video arraignment system for the JDR Courtrooms. This would be used for arraignments for high risk individuals who might pose a threat to safety and security.
7. \$2,700 to purchase restraint equipment for the Transportation Section to be used when transporting high risk individuals.
8. \$5,000 to purchase 10 Glock 23 pistols and magazines.
9. \$10,000 to purchase 7 Ballistic shields for Courthouse. These are needed to enhance the ability of Deputies to respond to emergency situations.
10. \$3,000 to purchase upgraded rifle scopes for the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT).
11. \$5,400 to purchase upgraded ballistic helmets for the SERT team.
12. \$115,101 to purchase new uniforms for all sworn personnel. The current uniforms are being phased out by the manufacturer and are becoming difficult to find.
13. \$36,500 to purchase a new ID system to be used for employees, volunteers and contractors for the Justice Center. This system will also enable the Sheriff's Office to keep track of employees and citizens who are in the ACDF at any given time.

FISCAL IMPACT: SCAAP funding does not require any additional County funds.