



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

**DATE: September 14, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** Application and appropriation of a Department of Health and Human Services grant for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept \$232,330 in MMRS grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.
2. Contingent upon approval, appropriate \$232,330 grant funds from the Department of Health and Human Services (101.374200) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for the Metropolitan Medical Response System.

**ISSUES:** None.

**SUMMARY:** This grant, administered by the Office of Emergency Management, provides funding to Arlington County Public Safety Departments to assist in writing plans, developing training, purchasing equipment and pharmaceuticals, and conducting exercises to achieve the target capabilities necessary to respond to a mass casualty event, whether caused by a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) terrorist act, epidemic disease outbreak, natural disaster, or hazardous material accident during the first crucial hours of a response.

**BACKGROUND:** MMRS establishes linkages among emergency responders, medical treatment resources, public health offices, volunteer organizations and other local elements working together to reduce the mortality and morbidity that would result from a catastrophic incident. The MMRS program also emphasizes mutual aid with neighboring localities and State and Federal agencies.

**DISCUSSION:** The Arlington County MMRS Sustainment Team has been implementing requirements within MMRS 2004 and 2005 grant funding. This MMRS 2006 grant funding is for continuation of the work completed under prior grants. These additional funds will be used for support of the Arlington County (AC) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), including recruitment, administration, logistics support, and program maintenance (\$25,000); for support of a Study/Gap Analysis to determine AC's capability and preparedness in each of the nine Capability Focus Areas (CFAs) and in Pandemic Influenza preparedness (\$100,000), and to assess recommendations resulting from the study (\$107,330).

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: James Schwartz, Elmer May

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. No additional County funds will be required.