



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of December 15, 2007**

**DATE:** November 20, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant to expand the National Capital Region's Regional Planning for emergency operations.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Appropriate \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.375230) to the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for continued development of standardized regional planning.
2. Authorize 1.0 FTE as a limited-term grant funded position in the Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) to act as a regional planner to coordinate this project.

**ISSUES:** None

**SUMMARY:** This UASI grant will provide funding to coordinate and facilitate the standardization of operating procedures regionally. The project entails the creation of negotiated planning for mutual aid and standardized response to emergency situations and disasters.

**BACKGROUND:** This UASI grant has been appropriated to Arlington and other regional jurisdictions in an effort to address the lack of local and regional plans within the NCR. Lack of coordinated plans impacts the ability of the NCR to respond to a natural disaster or emergency situation

**DISCUSSION:** The UASI Regional Planning grant will provide funding for:

- Dedicated staffing to address the planning and coordination with other jurisdictions (estimated at \$125,000 for salary and fringe).
- Training needed to assimilate Arlington and regional jurisdictions toward cooperative operating procedures (\$100,000).
- Opportunity to exercise and drill regionally to demonstrate regional cooperation (\$25,000).

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No local funds are required to complete the work associated with this grant. The 1.0 FTE is a limited term grant funded position that will terminate if funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security does not continue in FY 2009.

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

Staff: Peter Nielsen, Office of Emergency Management