



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of January 26, 2008**

**DATE:** January 26, 2008

**SUBJECT:** FY 2008 Supplemental Grants for the Department of Human Services

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Appropriate \$47,500 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (101.364900) to the Department of Human Services (101.53502) for start-up costs for the Walter Reed Adult Day Health Care Center.
2. Appropriate \$20,000 from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (101.364501) to the Department of Human Services (101.53603) for mental retardation and developmental disabilities residential service providers.
3. Appropriate \$5,000 from the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance (101.364501) to the Department of Human Services (101.53601) for modification of a wheelchair accessible van.
4. Appropriate \$7,500 from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (101.364501) to the Department of Human Services (101.53601) for legal expenses related to guardianship appointments.

**ISSUE:** Should additional state funds be accepted and appropriated for specified activities?

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) expects to receive additional funding from state revenue sources during FY 2008. County staff recommend appropriation of these funds to the FY 2008 DHS budget, as described below.

**DISCUSSION:** Following is additional information for each recommendation, numbered correspondingly:

1. The one-time only grant funding will be used for start-up expenses related to the opening of the Walter Reed Adult Day Health Care Center. Start-up expenses include staff training, improved lighting, the installation of an American Disabilities Act compliant toilet and sink in

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the shower room, tinting of the windows, computer equipment, marketing efforts and any other modifications required by the Virginia Department of Social Services for licensure as an Adult Day Health Care Center.

2. These state funds are available for residential providers when new clients with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities are admitted to a group home. The funds will be used for group home furnishings, transportation, trial visits, and staff training costs. The Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMRMHSAS) approves the use of the funds following an application process; DHS serves as a pass through.

3. State funding for environmental modifications is available for Mental Retardation Medicaid Waiver slot holders. \$5,000 has been approved for an Arlington client who requested a fold-out wheelchair ramp and a power kneel system modification to their van. The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance will send a \$5,000 check to DHS, who will then reimburse the client.

4. DHS' Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Services may request legal fee reimbursement from DMHMRSAS. Reimbursement is limited to attorneys' fees for appointing guardians for persons who lack capacity. Each client's legal fees are reimbursed at a maximum of \$750. It is estimated that DHS will receive reimbursement for up to ten persons in Fiscal Year 2008.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. All the actions involve state funds and do not require any increase in County net tax support.