



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of February 24, 2008
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DATE: February 12, 2008

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

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate, in FY 2008, \$45,251 in SCAAP funds from U.S. Department of Justice (101.364900) to the Sheriffs Office (101.22301).

ISSUES: Request the County accept the federal SCAAP grant funds to help offset costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens and appropriate these funds to the Sheriff's Office to offset cost of critical initiatives.

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 (FY2006). These funds received were in addition to the \$392,176 that was appropriated in October 2007. The 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. Replacement furniture for \$30,251 for the Detention Facility lobby to include chairs and tables. This will provide seating for the visitor lobby as well as the administrative areas. The current furniture is over 13 years old.
2. Installation of a new pizza oven for \$15,000 in the Detention Facility. The original equipment is over 13 years old.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

County Manager: _____
County Attorney: _____
Staff: Susie Doyel, Sheriff's Office