



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of March 15, 2008**

DATE: March 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Submission of Funding Application to Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

ISSUES: Should the Department of Human Services submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Treatment?

SUMMARY: The Department of Human Services is seeking approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to provide residential substance abuse treatment services for three hard-to-serve adult male populations: those with criminal justice involvement, Spanish-speaking men, and chronic cases characterized by previous treatment failure, cognitive impairment and/or homelessness. The target population is at high-risk of HIV/AIDS, a priority for the CSAT grant program.

CSAT will award grants of up to \$450,000 annually, for up to five years. Arlington would function as the lead agency and grant recipient, with responsibility for fiscal management and compliance with grant requirements. The funding would allow for the continued operation of Nuevo Dia, a regional residential treatment program for non-English speaking, Hispanic, chemically dependent adults. Nuevo Dia is a collaborative project with the Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Boards (CSBs), in partnership with Vanguard Services Unlimited, a non-profit provider of residential substance abuse treatment.

BACKGROUND: Arlington has been the recipient of two CSAT grants to develop and expand a regional residential substance abuse treatment program for Hispanic substance abusers. The current grant will end September 30, 2008. Renewed funding would allow for the continuation of specialized bilingual substance abuse treatment services not available elsewhere in Northern Virginia. Additionally, the funding would provide intensive services to Arlington residents on probation who must receive services in Virginia. The Arlington Community Services Board has endorsed this grant submission.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. CSAT requires no matching funds.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

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