



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 19, 2008**

Date: April 19, 2008

SUBJECT: FY 2008 Grants for the Department of Human Services

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appropriate \$72,032 in FY 2008 from Pathway Homes acting as regional fiscal agent for State Recovery Funds (101.364501) to the Department of Human Services (DHS) (101.52101) for three mental health-focused recovery projects.
2. Appropriate \$278,116 in FY 2008 from Fairfax County acting as fiscal agent for the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) (101.364528) to DHS (101.52134) for the Regional Discharge Assistance Project.
3. Appropriate \$25,000 in FY 2008 from Fairfax County acting as the regional fiscal agent for DMHMRSAS (101.364529) to DHS (101.52139) for a one-time grant for County priorities in the mental health forensic case management program.
4. Reduce \$20,000 in FY 2008 from the revenue and expense Budgets for DHS (101.52215) to reflect the re-distribution of funding that originally was supposed to pass through Arlington, but will now go directly to the Cornerstones treatment facility in Fairfax County.
5. Appropriate \$401,530 in FY 2008 from the Virginia Department of Education (101.365401) to DHS (101.56520) for Comprehensive Services for Youth at Risk (CSA).
6. Appropriate \$30,000 in FY 2008 from the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) (101.374701) to DHS (101.56503) for Special Needs Adoption.
7. Appropriate \$30,000 in FY 2008 from DSS (101.374701) to DHS (101.56102) for Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) Day Care services.

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8. Appropriate \$119,000 in FY 2008 from DSS (101.374701) to DHS (101.56102) for Head Start day care services.
9. Appropriate \$6,000 in FY 2008 from DMHMRSAS (101.364501) to DHS (101.53601) to reimburse the cost of laptops purchased to participate in the new Supports Intensity Scale assessment instrument pilot.
10. Appropriate \$25,774 in FY 2008 from the Part C office within DMHMRSAS (101.374514) to the Public Health Division (101.55201) for contracted evaluations for children in the Parent Infant Education program.
11. Appropriate \$8,315 in FY 2008 from Virginia Department of Health (VDH) (101.364100) to DHS (101.55001) for a Cities Ready Initiative Grant.
12. Appropriate \$6,234 in FY 2008 from VDH (101.364100) to DHS (101.55001) for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

ISSUE: This is a request to accept and appropriate state funds for specified activities and reduce state funds where funding will no longer flow through Arlington County. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: DHS received additional funding from various state and regional revenue sources during fiscal year 2008. These are one-time funds. In addition, staff was notified that one regional program that is funded by the state will no longer see revenue flow through Arlington County as the program will now be directly funded by the state. Staff recommend appropriation (and reduction as appropriate) of all these funds as part of the FY 2008 DHS budget, as described and outlined.

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

1. DHS's Behavioral Healthcare Division successfully applied for three grants to fund new approaches to consumer-focused recovery. These mental health projects include a grant for a one-time wellness program at Clarendon House (\$3,100), a grant for media equipment to display wellness and educational videos in the waiting room of the Drewry Center (\$3,932), and a grant to fund a consumer-run wellness center in Arlington County (\$65,000). The Behavioral Healthcare Division will apply for the same grant next year to continue operations of the consumer-run wellness center. If the grant is not received, the program will be discontinued.
2. These are Regional Discharge Assistance Project (RDAP) funds that will provide assisted living services for 14 additional clients. The funding is for 12-month service plans for each individual approved, with different starting dates for each individual. Unexpended funds will be carried over into FY 2009 for the continuation of these service plans. The utilization of RDAP funds is determined through a regional workgroup. .

3. DMHMRSAS began providing funds in FY 2007 for various transformation projects. Arlington County created the forensic case management jail diversion program with a combination of these and other ongoing state funds. At the end of the FY 2007, Fairfax County, acting as the regional fiscal agent for the state, re-allocated FY 2007 balances to local jurisdictions to address one-time needs of the various transformation projects. Arlington County is using this one-time grant to fund jail diversion initiatives in FY 2008.
4. The state provides funding for local jurisdictions to place mental health clients with dual diagnoses in a special residential facility in Fairfax. The facility, Cornerstones, was funded by each participating jurisdiction. As of FY 2008, DMHMRSAS is directly funding Cornerstones and funds will no longer flow through Arlington County. This reduction in revenue and expense will not affect the number of Arlington County consumers served by this facility.
5. Increased Comprehensive Services Act expenditures are due to a number of factors, such as more teens being placed into foster care, increased purchase of intensive services, and fewer viable foster homes due to adoption trends. This is a mandated service and the program is reimbursed at a rate of 53.98 percent with a local match rate of 46.02 percent.
6. Based on actual spending to date in FY 2008, expenditure projections for the Special Needs Adoption program were increased as a part of the County's mid-year review process. Anticipated additional revenue will offset higher expenditures. This is a mandated service. The program is 100 percent reimbursable.
7. Based on actual spending to date in FY 2008, expenditure projections for the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare Day Care Services program were increased as a part of the County's mid-year review process. Anticipated additional revenue will offset higher expenditures. This is a mandated service and the program is reimbursed at a rate of 90 percent with a local match rate of 10 percent.
8. Based on actual spending to date in FY 2008, expenditure projections for the Head Start day care services program were increased as part of the County's mid-year review process. Anticipated additional revenue will offset higher expenditures. This is a mandated service and the program is 100 percent reimbursable.
9. In Fiscal Year 2007, DHS's Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Services agreed to participate in a pilot of a new assessment instrument to identify persons with intellectual disabilities and determine eligibility for state funded services. At the request of DMHMRSAS, staff was trained in and used the new Supports Intensity Scale, which is customized to meet Virginia's documentation requirements. DMHMRSAS has agreed to reimburse DHS \$1,500 each for four laptop computers used in support of the pilot. The laptops will be used in the field to administer the Supports Intensity Scale, which will become the mandatory assessment tool in Virginia.

10. These federal funds cover service planning and direct services for developmentally disabled children under 3 years of age in the Arlington Parent Infant Education (PIE) program. PIE continues to have a significant increase in referrals for families with no or minimal fee on the sliding fee scale and whose insurance providers denied or did not cover the needed therapy. The additional funds will be used for contracted evaluations needed to meet the 45-day timeline from referral to development of service plans; direct therapy service (physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy); and interpretation services for intakes, evaluations, and therapy services for non-English speaking clients.
11. These federal funds are issued to states for emergency preparedness activities. The additional funds will be used for purchasing supplies and equipment for preparedness in the event that mass medication dispensing sites would need to be established during an emergency.
12. These are federal funds intended to prepare localities for preventing and responding to a Pandemic Influenza epidemic. The additional funds will be used for creating and coordinating pandemic flu outreach activities focused on developing and delivering media campaigns emphasizing the importance of respiratory and hand hygiene to prevent the spread of influenza in a pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will appropriate an additional \$982,001 to DHS's FY 2008 budget. All appropriation requests are fully funded by state or regional funds and do not require any increase in County net tax support.