



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of June 17, 2008**

DATE: May 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Authorization and appropriation of Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) grants for Arlington Economic Development (AED).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept \$42,746 in grant funds from the United States Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.
2. Appropriate in FY 2008, \$42,746 in grant fund revenue (101.374900) and expenditures (101.71001) to Arlington Economic Development to respond to the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 decisions.
3. Authorize the County Manager to submit a new grant application to the United States Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment to request funds which will be used to respond to the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 decisions.
4. Contingent upon grant award, appropriate in FY 2009 up to \$800,000 in grant revenue (101.374900) from OEA to Arlington Economic Development expenditures (101.71001) for the costs associated with the BRAC transition center and authorize 1.0 FTE (Full Time, Grant Funded) position.

ISSUE: A recent grant amendment approved by the DoD OEA exceeds the County's previous appropriation. AED requests that the budget appropriation be increased to match the final grant amendment. The Department also requests that the Board authorize the County manager to solicit up to \$800,000 in additional grant funds in order to continue to mitigate the affects of BRAC decisions on the County.

SUMMARY: The County Board previously appropriated \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment. A third and final grant amendment approved by the OEA exceeds this appropriation by \$42,746.

A separate grant submission will be made in Fiscal Year 2009, where expenditures will match revenues, and any required matching funds will come from the FY 2009 Adopted Budget.

County Manager: _____

Staff: Terry Holzheimer, AED

BACKGROUND: The County Board authorized the County Manager to submit a grant application on July 8, 2006 to contend with the impacts that the BRAC decisions had on Arlington County. This grant provides for the support related to economic and planning studies to guide the redevelopment of Crystal City, assist impacted businesses, provide communications and address transportation, security and other issues important to the mitigation of BRAC related impacts on Crystal City. The County Board appropriated \$1,000,000. The original grant award has been amended twice. This third and final amendment exceeds the Board's original \$1,000,000 budget appropriation by \$42,746.

DISCUSSION: The OEA grant provides for staffing and professional services associated with the re-development of Crystal City. The additional \$42,746 will provide for compensation, benefits, travel and equipment for the grant funded position.

FISCAL IMPACT: No additional net tax support is required to support the OEA grants in the FY 2008 or FY 2009 operating budget. There is no County match requirement for the FY 2008 grant amendment. If a County match is required for the FY 2009 grant award, it will consist of budgeted FY 2009 expenditures.