



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: June 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Grant Award to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) Summer Camp Program from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the County Manager to accept and appropriate \$26,850 in federal grant funds from the USDA (101.374912) to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources (PRCR) (101.85102) for nutritious meals for qualified summer camp participants.

ISSUES: Families of children that receive free or reduced cost meals, during the school year do not necessarily have the funds to provide meals during the summer months when school is closed. PRCR provides lunch to eight program locations through USDA income eligible programs.

SUMMARY: USDA provides free, nutritious meals to help children in low-income geographical areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

BACKGROUND: Prior to 2001, the USDA meals program for PRCR summer camp programs was managed by the department. Later, the USDA meals program was then transferred to Arlington County Public Schools (APS). The funding went directly to APS and PRCR summer programs received the meals from APS. According to APS, the qualifications for USDA meals program are now different between school year and summer programs, and APS is no longer eligible for reimbursement for summer programs. PRCR continues to be eligible for full reimbursement for summer camp programs based on geographical census information. To continue with the program, PRCR has applied to be the sponsor. The funds would come to the County, and PRCR would pay APS to provide the meals.

DISCUSSION: Without the USDA meals program at our qualified locations, some children would go without a nutritious meal during the day.

FISCAL IMPACT: The United States Department of Agriculture grant will provide \$26,850 in funds to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources for this project. No County tax support is required by accepting this grant.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Pam Everett, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources