



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of October 18, 2008**

**DATE:** September 11, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to accept a \$3,000 matching grant from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources' (VDHR) Cost Share Program to undertake three (3) Preliminary Information Forms (PIF) to study and determine if the Arlington Ridge, the Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Accept a \$3,000 matching grant from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources' (VDHR) Cost Share Program to undertake three (3) Preliminary Information Forms (PIF) to study and determine if the Arlington Ridge, the Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Appropriate \$3,000 from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (101.350900) to the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (101.438200.72303) to study and determine if the Arlington Ridge, the Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. Authorize the County Manager to sign the attached VDHR Cost Share Grant Agreement (Attachment A).

**ISSUE:** Should the County accept the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) Cost Share Program award that would use \$3,000 of County funds to leverage matching State grant funds to pay to undertake three (3) Preliminary Information Forms (PIF) to study and determine if the Arlington Ridge, the Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places?

**SUMMARY:** Arlington County has conducted a reconnaissance-level architectural survey in the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods, as part of the on-going Countywide Historic Resources Survey that has been underway for the past 10 years.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Michael Leventhal, Historic Preservation Coordinator, CPHD

These survey efforts have been carried out in partnership with VDHR, using Survey and Planning Cost Share and Certified Local Government grant funds to augment County resources. Based on the initial analysis by staff, it has been ascertained that the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and Old Dominion neighborhoods appear to be eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. With the objective of pursuing listing of these historic districts in the aforementioned registers, staff has determined to take the next step and prepare PIF's on these proposed districts, with VDHR support through a matching grant from their Cost Share Program.

The proposed project is to complete Preliminary Information Forms on the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and Old Dominion neighborhoods. Arlington County applied for a Cost Share Grant from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) to assist with the costs of this project. The proposed grant will be used to pay for a consultant to conduct the necessary research to determine the eligibility of the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and Old Dominion neighborhoods for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

VDHR has awarded the County a \$3,000 Cost Share Grant. Arlington County is to match this grant with \$3,000 of County funds. The County match for this grant can be found in the approved FY 2009 County budget, as located in the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, Neighborhood Services Division, Historic Preservation Program.

**BACKGROUND:** For the past nine years the County's Historic Preservation Program (HPP) has applied for the Cost Share Grant program offered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. This year was no different and we submitted three grant requests to VDHR. The three requests were a variation on a theme, requests to undertake three Preliminary Information Forms (PIF) and three National Register nominations. A PIF is the required initial investigation and research paper to assist the State in determining if an area or building is eligible for a National Register nomination. The Historic Preservation Program, from its analysis of data from the on-going Countywide Historic Resources Survey, believes that the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods are indeed eligible for inclusion and listing in both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources in awarding its grants for this Cost Share Grant program cycle has decided to fund only the three PIF's from the Arlington County grant requests, rather than fund one PIF and the accompanying National Register nomination request or all of the submitted Arlington County grant requests. The \$6,000 amount for this proposed work will be divided equally between the County and VDHR, with each providing \$3,000.

The Historic Preservation Program has in its current budget the matching \$3,000 for this awarded VDHR Cost Share Grant. The attached proposed agreement, once signed, is the County's acceptance of the matching Cost Share Grant with VDHR. The HPP recommends that the County execute this agreement.

**DISCUSSION:** Because of the State Cost Share Program grant deadlines, the County staff had already submitted the grant application prior to County Board consideration. The

grant award from VDHR is for \$3,000. Together with matching County funds of \$3,000 these funds would be used to hire a consultant to research and complete the three PIF's for the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and Old Dominion neighborhoods.

**CONCLUSION:** It is recommended that the County Board accept the \$3,000 match Cost Share Program Grant from VDHR to complete three PIF's for the Arlington Ridge, Country Club View and Old Dominion neighborhoods; appropriate the VDHR Cost Share Program grant award of \$3,000 to study and determine if the Arlington Ridge, the Country Club View and the Old Dominion neighborhoods are eligible to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement document (Attachment A) accepting this \$3,000 matching VDHR Cost Share Program grant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The recommended consultant work is estimated to cost \$6,000, of which the County will provide \$3,000. These County funds have been allocated from the FY 2009 adopted budget of the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, Neighborhood Services Division, Historic Preservation Program.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement between VDHR and Arlington County.