



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

DATE: September 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Authorization to accept and appropriate a \$5,000 grant for Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) State Homeland Security Grant administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to sign the Governing Body Resolution authorizing Arlington County to accept \$5,000 in federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FEMA State Homeland Security Grant (CFDA 97.067) and administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management.
2. Appropriate \$5,000 in FY2009 from the 2007 State Homeland Security Program (101.374900) to the Arlington Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for the activities related to the development of a web-based small business continuity planning tool.

ISSUES: This is a grant for \$5,000 provided by the Department of Homeland Security through the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management for the development of a web-based small business continuity planning tool. There are no issues.

SUMMARY: The Commonwealth will send grant funds to Arlington County on a reimbursement basis for allowable expenditures. This is a federal grant administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

BACKGROUND: Arlington County has received a grant from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to develop a web-based small business continuity planning tool. This project is a partnership project with the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness authorized under VDEM's Business Continuity Tool Project.

DISCUSSION: This grant will enable the County to expand its support of small business emergency and disruption preparedness through a web-based continuity plan building webinar advanced training.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. No Arlington County funds are required to complete the deliverables associated with this grant.

County Manager: _____

Staff: Jack Brown, Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management