DATE: March 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Governing Body Resolution for Local Governments Authorizing the Department of Human Services to Accept a SHARE Shelter Support Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for FY 2007

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Arlington County Board Chair to sign the Resolution for Local Governments to enable the Department of Human Services to receive funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

ISSUES: None.

SUMMARY: Formal action is required by the County Board to enable the Arlington County Board Chair to sign the Resolution for Local Governments to authorize the Department of Human Services (DHS) to accept a SHARE Shelter Support Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Housing and Community Development.

BACKGROUND: The DHS Homeless Program has received funds through the SHARE Shelter Support Grant (SSG) to support the operation of the Emergency Winter Shelter since 1991. The grant amount varies each year depending on the total appropriation of grant funds and the number of eligible applicants. For FY 2006 DHS received $18,700 in State funds, which were matched by Arlington County local funds. It is anticipated that the FY 2007 grant will be a similar amount.

DISCUSSION: Due to very short time frames for grant submission, the SSG application requires the localities to submit the application and then send the Governing Body Resolution at a later date. DHS submitted the application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure consideration. Attachment A is the application submitted along with the Governing Body Resolution that requires the signature.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funds anticipated from this grant are appropriated in the FY 2006 Budget for the DHS Homeless Program. There is no impact to Net Tax Support.

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