SUBJECT: Appropriation of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant to evaluate and implement all state and federal NIMS (National Incident Management System) requirements with all Arlington County agencies.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Appropriate, in Fiscal Year 2006, $91,800 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (001.0749) to the Office of Emergency Management (001.232) to evaluate and implement NIMS with all Arlington County agencies.

2. Authorize 1.0 FTE into a one year, limited-term grant funded position in the Office of Emergency Management (001.232) to act as the NIMS coordinator for the UASI NIMS grant.

ISSUE: None.

SUMMARY: This is a grant of federal funds to evaluate and implement NIMS within Arlington County agencies. This federal allocation is $91,800.

BACKGROUND: Arlington County has received a US Department of Homeland Security grant to fund the evaluation and implementation of NIMS within the County.

This grant enables the County to ensure the implementation of NIMS at the community level for all government departments and agencies. This is part of the National Response Plan and the Department of Homeland Security’s focus on Incident Management during an emergency. The grant requires full NIMS compliance by agencies within Arlington County.

DISCUSSION: This grant will fund the following priorities:

- NIMS adoption at the community level for all government departments and agencies
- Promotion of NIMS adoption by associations, utilities, non-governmental organizations and private sector incident management and response organizations.

County Manager: _____________

Staff: Robert Griffin, Director, Office of Emergency Management

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• Management of all emergency incidents and preplanned events in accordance with Incident Command System (ICS) organizational structures, doctrine and procedures as defined in NIMS.

• Coordination of emergency incident and event management supported through the use of integrated multi-agency systems.

• Implementation of processes/plans to communicate timely, accurate information through a Joint Information System and Joint Information Center.

• Establishment of the community’s baseline against FY 2005 and FY 2006 implementation requirements.

• Establishment of a timeframe and strategy for full NIMS implementation.

• Promote intrastate and inter-agency mutual aid agreements to include agreements with the private sector and non-governmental agencies.

• Implementation of emergency management on-line training courses in IS-700 and IS-800 NRP, ICS-100 and ICS -200 for all employees.

• Incorporate NIMS/ICS into all local and regional training exercises.

• Include local participation in an all-hazard exercise program that is based on NIMS.

• Teach “train the trainer” for ICS -300 and ICS-400.

The grant will fund a NIMS coordinator, (full time, limited term), with responsibilities for NIMS implementation, coordination with other partners, grant reporting, and evaluation of the entire project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. No Arlington County funds are required to complete all the work associated with the UASI NIMS grant.