ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 8, 2006

REVISED REPORT

DATE: June 20, 2006 July 6, 2006


REVISION EXPLANATION: The report has been revised to address the specific FTEs paid for using UASI grant funding. These limited-term FTEs are needed for program design and implementation.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appropriate, in Fiscal Year 2007, $699,858 in federal funds from U.S. Department of Homeland Security (101.074900) and $264,175 in state funds from Virginia Homeland Security (101.364900) to the Arlington Office of Emergency Management (101.32020) for preparedness training, equipment purchases, project completion and staffing costs.

2. Authorize two FTEs for one year, limited-term, grant funded positions in OEM (101.32020) to support UASI sub-grant 2005.

ISSUE: None.

SUMMARY: The Office of Emergency Management receives numerous grants annually related to homeland security and emergency preparedness. OEM requests Board action on the following grants.

1. State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) 2005 - $185,014: This is an annual grant used primarily to purchase equipment for the County’s preparedness. Previous grant funds have been used to upgrade the emergency operations center, build a watch desk, and fund the AM radio station project.

2. State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) 2006 - $39,999: This is a supplemental grant added to the funds listed on item 1.

3. Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) 2005 - $33,000: This is a reallocation of funding from the District of Columbia, the UASI State Administrative Agency (SAA), for the

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delivery of training to and recruitment of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers. It includes a volunteer coordinator. This program resides in the Department of Human Services, but is funded through OEM.

4. Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) sub-grant 2005 - $120,000: This grant will fund two FTEs to support design, development and implementation of the County and regional emergency training and exercise programs.

5. Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) sub-grant 2005 - $400,000: This UASI grant is Arlington’s allocation to be used for “Outdoor Warning System Pilot Program” to test the use of outdoor warning systems and modern sirens.

6. Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 2005 - $195,811: This grant was received as a mitigation project after Hurricane Isabel to design, produce and distribute information to Arlington residents and businesses on preparation and procedures during an emergency. The funding is provided by federal ($146,858), state ($39,162), and local match ($9,791).

BACKGROUND: Arlington County has received U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) funding to provide for the security of the people and infrastructure of the County, to develop and implement partnerships within the county and regionally and to ensure the implementation of NIMS (National Incident Management System) at the community level for all government departments and agencies. This part of the National Response Plan and the Department of Homeland Security’s focus is funded through direct federal grants and state pass-through grants in order to allow for localities to implement emergency protocol.

The State Homeland Security Grant Program is a federally funded annual grant program administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Arlington has used these funds to provide staffing, training, and equipment purchases to enhance County preparedness.

DISCUSSION: This grant will fund the following priorities:

- Preparedness training, equipment, staffing managed through Arlington’s Office of Emergency Management.
- Completion of Arlington’s radio station.
- Pilot program for Outdoor Warning System equipment and implementation.
- Design, development and delivery of citizen oriented resources for all hazard alerts and preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT: The HMPG grant indicates a local match, however, that is being met through documentation of time using existing local resources. There is no fiscal impact to the County.