

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 23, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 20 FEASIBILITY STUDY AND START-UP GRANT
FOR TEEN CENTER (COUNCILWOMAN WOODSON'S REQUEST)

This memorandum is in response to Councilwoman Woodson's question regarding funding in the FY 2002 Proposed Budget to support a feasibility study and start-up grant for a teen center that would not be wholly funded or run by the City.

The FY 2002 Proposed Budget does not specifically provide funding for a feasibility study to identify the need for a teen center. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will begin the process of conducting a recreation needs assessment study in the summer of 2001. This city-wide study will provide a comprehensive assessment of the City's future needs for recreation and leisure services, activities and facilities. The issue of a teen center will be encompassed in this comprehensive analysis.

Other funding to support youth activities includes the new Youth Fund (\$100,000) proposed in the FY 2002 Budget. This fund is proposed to support activities that will promote and enhance positive youth development, particularly for adolescents. If approved by Council, staff will work with the Youth Policy Commission to create funding guidelines and ensure that funds are used, for example, to enhance adult support of youth, create productive intergenerational relationships, provide safe places, and develop a commitment to learning and a consistent attention to values.

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