

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT

**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of a grant application, in the amount of \$91,113, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Grants Office to continue the programs and services of the Police Department's Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP).

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for a total of \$91,113, which requires no local matching funds; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

It should be noted that there are no additional monies available in the City's budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended.

**DISCUSSION:** The proposed grant is being submitted under the federal Grants to Encourage Arrests Policies Program. In December 2001, staff received this grant application package, which is a follow-on grant to the first DVIP grant received in 1999, and its continuation grant, in the amount of \$52,385, received in early 2001. The original grant established 5 positions and a successful regional approach to domestic violence cases. City Council approved the retention of these staff and the City's full-time DVIP during its FY 2002 budget deliberations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** In the event of a grant award, the federal government would provide an additional \$91,113 to fund DVIP travel, training and equipment to support the program for 24 months, beginning in federal fiscal year 2003. The City would provide no matching cash contribution. In addition, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant. These costs include financial and reporting oversight provided by the administering agency, as well as by the Office of Management and Budget and by the Finance Department.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None. The grant application may be reviewed in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3600, City Hall during normal working hours.

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