

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 27, 2003
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER ⁵
SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

ISSUE: City Council consideration of the grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for funding of the "Summer Food Service Program for Children."

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- (1) Submit the grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its continuation funding, in the amount of \$112,000 in estimated program income; and
- (2) Execute all necessary documents that may be required.

This grant application is due to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on May 16, 2003. To meet the application deadline, staff will submit the grant proposal to the agency, contingent upon City Council's approval at its April 8, 2003 session. It should be noted that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended.

DISCUSSION: The Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, is designed to provide nutritious meals (breakfast, lunch and snacks) for children during the school vacation.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, which will administer the program, projects that 26 recreation playgrounds, camps and centers can be documented as eligible sites. As in the past, the Alexandria Public School Food Service, under contract with the Recreation Department, will prepare and deliver meals to the sites listed on the following page.

AREA SITES

NUMBER TO BE SERVED

Charles Houston Recreation Center	125
Cora Kelly Recreation Center	200
Mt. Vernon Recreation Center	150
Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center	125
Patrick Henry Recreation Center	150
William Ramsay Recreation Center	175
Charles Barrett Recreation Center	50
Power-Up Program	75
Tancil Court Playground	60
John Adams Playground	60
Jefferson-Houston Playground	20
Lee Center - Therapeutic Recreation	20
John Adams - Therapeutic Recreation	24
Alexandria Olympic Boys and Girls Club	50
Family Resource Learning Center	30
Campagna Kids/Maury	60
Campagna Kids/Cora Kelly	50
Campagna Kids/Lyles Crouch	50
Campagna Kids/ Patrick Henry	75
Campagna Kids/Samuel Tucker	75
Warwick Village Playground	35
MacArthur Playground	60
Ben Brenman Park	60
Court Services	15
Essex House	60
YMCA	<u>10</u>
	1,864

The following is pertinent to the Summer Program:

- A. **Youth to be served:** Children, age 18 and under, who attend one of the eligible sites noted above may be served. Sites selected draw attendance from geographical areas where at least one-half of the children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals under the School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.
- B. **Estimated number of children to be served:** 1,864
- C. **Program dates:** June 24, 2003 through August 15, 2003; Monday through Friday, excluding the first day of operation which is June 23 and the July 4 holiday.
- D. **Cost of lunches to children:** Free.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no requirement for the City to provide either cash or an in-kind match for this program. However, 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 (Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities), as well as by the Office of Management and Budget and by the Finance Department. It should be noted that there are no additional monies available in the City budget to continue these activities once the estimated \$112,000 in program funds has been exhausted. The grant period is June 24, 2003 - August 15, 2003.

ATTACHMENTS: None. The grant application may be reviewed after June 9, 2003 in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3600, City Hall, during normal business hours.

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