

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 4, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVING INTERDICTION PROGRAM

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**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of a renewal grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for an eighth year of funding, in the amount of \$31,000.00, for the Police Department to operate an aggressive driving and DWI interdiction program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$31,000; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

**DISCUSSION:** For the past seven years the City has obtained a grant under this program to allow the Police Department to pay overtime for police officers to conduct high intensity patrol operations targeting aggressive drivers whose behavior contributed statistically to automobile accidents and unsafe driving complaints. The targeted behaviors included right-of-way violations, stop sign violations, speeding, following too close and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.

The new grant request is for \$31,000 for Federal FY 2005 (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006). This grant money will be used for overtime operations to combat aggressive driving and DWI violations. The Police Department will employ mobile patrols and sobriety checkpoints as methods to reduce the number of alcohol related accidents in the City.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** To receive the DMV grant of \$31,000, the City must identify 20 percent matching funds, which may be in-kind. Since the City's share is an in-kind match of resources, there is no additional fiscal impact to the City in obtaining this grant. The proposed match is identified in the Police Department's operating budget using vehicle costs and the cost of FICA tax on the overtime paid to the existing officers.

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

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.

The Police Department has submitted this grant application to the State in order to meet the deadline of March 31, 2005 with the understanding that subsequent City Council authorization is required to accept this grant award.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**STAFF:**

Charles E. Samarra, Police Chief

Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager

Lieutenant Len Fouch, Police, Patrol Division One

Captain Timothy Dickinson, Special Operations Division

Amy Flenniken, Division Chief, Fiscal Management, Police

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