

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

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 \$98,420 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Grants Office, to continue the programs and services of the Police Departments' 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 \$98,420, which requires no local matching funds; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

DISCUSSION: The proposed grant is a follow-on grant to the DVIP grant awarded in 1999, and its continuation grants in the amounts of \$52,385, \$91,113 and \$100,000 respectively, awarded in 2001-2003. The original grant established 5 positions and a successful regional approach to domestic violence cases. City Council approved the retention of the staff and the City's full-time DVIP during its FY 2002 budget deliberations.

FISCAL IMPACT: If approved, the grant would provide \$98,420 to fund DVIP travel and training, equipment and supplies to support the program for 24 months beginning in FY 2007. 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 the Finance Department. 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.

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