

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 11, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: AWARD OF SUPPLEMENTAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**ISSUE:** City Council consider acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$27,084 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to support the City's emergency management efforts.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Accept the State Homeland Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$27,084; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

**BACKGROUND:** In August 2005, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allocated \$131,734 to the City from the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The State held funds aside with the plan to award them through a competitive application process. Given the tight spending deadlines, VDEM decided not to open a competitive process and instead award the remaining funds to each of the jurisdictions based on a formula. The City was allocated an additional grant funding amount of \$27,084.

**DISCUSSION:** These funds are State pass-through money from the Department of Homeland Security and may be used for equipment, planning, training, and exercises. The City will use the funds to revise and update the City's emergency operations plan. Staff will be providing Council with an update on the City's emergency planning at the June 13 legislative meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no requirement for the City to provide a cash match for this grant; however, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with managing the funds.

**STAFF:**

Mark Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Gary Mesaris, Fire Chief