

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATION RENEWAL TO THE USDA CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM FOR THE AT-RISK AFTER SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

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**ISSUE:** Council consideration of a grant renewal for the At-Risk After School Snack Program for FY 2010.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- (1) Submit and accept, if awarded, the At-Risk After School grant renewal application for \$142,447, to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Fiscal Year 2010; and
- (2) Execute all documents that may be required.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 23, 2009, staff received notice from the USDA that Alexandria will receive renewal funding for its At-Risk After School Snack, which is reimbursed to the City by the USDA. These funds will continue to provide nutritious after school snacks to the seven full time recreation centers, six part-time after school centers and the two therapeutic recreation after school programs during the 2009-10 school year. The grant renewal application was submitted prior to the September 1 due date, subject to subsequent authorization by City Council.

Since FY 2004, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities has received funding from the USDA to provide after school snacks to the City's after school recreation programs. The Department contracts with the Alexandria City Public Schools Food and Nutrition Service to provide the snacks for the programs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The meals must be served free of charge in order to receive reimbursement from USDA. There is no requirement for the City to provide either cash or an in-kind match for this program. 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 the Finance Department.

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