

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR A GRANT TO ENHANCE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC)

ISSUE: Consideration of a grant application to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to enhance investigation and prosecution of Internet crimes against children (ICAC).

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council:

- (1) Authorize the submission of grant application, not to exceed \$25,000; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

DISCUSSION: The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice recently announced the availability of grant funds for investigation and prosecution of Internet crimes against children. This program is aimed at providing law enforcement agencies with additional resources needed to confront the ongoing problem of online child victimization and child pornography. Applications are due no later than February 17, 2012.

APD proposes to use the funding to provide for additional overtime, enhanced equipment, and training opportunities for police detectives assigned to these types of cases. Additional overtime funds will allow detectives to spend more time investigating cases, conducting forensic examinations, conducting search and arrest warrants, and preparing for court. Enhanced equipment will allow detectives to more efficiently conduct the investigation and capture evidence. Training opportunities will allow ICAC detectives to develop and enhance investigations skills.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department is requesting a grant award not to exceed \$25,000. This grant does not require a match.

ATTACHMENT: None.

STAFF:

Earl Cook, Police Chief

Elisabeth Wheel, Division Chief, Police Fiscal Management