

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 7, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DETECTION, MONITORING, AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: Consideration of a grant application and resolution to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Detection and Monitoring, and Personal Protective Equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Adopt the attached resolution;
- (2) Approve the submission of a grant application and the resolution to VDEM for grant funding totaling \$50,000; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: On February 3, 2012, VDEM announced the availability of funds from the FY 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program to support Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Teams in local jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth. Funds for the program are provided by the National Preparedness Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. Allowable expenditures include equipment, exercises and training.

DISCUSSION: These funds will assist the City and region to prepare for potential chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats. The types of equipment and supplies to be selected and purchased are designated by VDEM, and spending priorities are determined by each regional hazmat team. These expenditures will help the City enhance its response capability for a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear event. The AFD is requesting Detection Equipment and Personal Protective Equipment with the intention of upgrading our current detection and monitoring capabilities to better detect and identify chemicals during Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Hazmat Incidents. The AFD also intends to replace some older chemical protective clothing with newer equipment that meets the more current National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA) standards for response to WMD and hazardous materials incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT: The AFD is requesting Detection, Monitoring, and Personal Protective Equipment to the value of \$50,000. City staff will administer the grant. The City is also responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant, including financial and reporting oversight provided by the Fire Department, as well as the Office of Management and Budget, and the Finance Department. There is no cash match requirement.

The City has been awarded this grant in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: Proposed Resolution

STAFF:

Adam K. Thiel, Fire Chief

Michael Cross, Special Operations Battalion Chief, Fire Department

James Lynch, Fiscal Officer, Fire Department

Mayuri Middough, Fiscal Officer, Fire Department

Matthew Bosse, Fiscal Officer, Fire Department

Governing Body Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ City Council
(Governing Body)

OF THE _____ City of Alexandria
(Name of Applicant)

_____ the City Manager, Rashad M. Young
(Name or Title of Authorized Agent)

_____, OR
(Name or Title of Authorized Agent)

_____,
(Name or Title of Authorized Agent)

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named applicant, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of Virginia.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Certification

I, _____ Rashad M. Young
(Name)

_____ City Manager _____ of the _____ City of Alexandria _____
(Title) (Governing Body)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by

the _____ City Council _____ of the _____ City of Alexandria _____ on the
(Governing body) (Name of Applicant)

_____ day of _____, 20_____.

City Manager
(Official Position)

(Signature)

(Date)

RESOLUTION NO. 2492

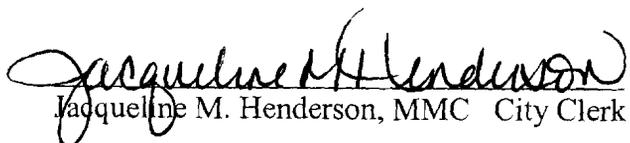
WHEREAS, City Council considered at its March 13, 2012 Regular Meeting a docket item recommending submission of a grant application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for the acquisition of detection monitoring, and personal protective equipment for the Alexandria Fire Department for funding totaling \$50,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria hereby authorized the City Manager to execute for and on behalf of the City of Alexandria, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Virginia, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of Virginia.

Adopted: March 13, 2012


WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk