

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** APRIL 28, 2011  
**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER   
**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

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**ISSUE:** Grant application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Detection and Monitoring Equipment.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the submission of a grant application (due June 7, 2011) for an allocation of funds from VDEM totaling \$30,000; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

**BACKGROUND:** On April 7, 2011, VDEM announced the availability of funds from the FY 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program to support 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 etiological 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Alexandria Fire Department is requesting detection and monitoring equipment to the value of \$30,000. 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 applied for and was awarded this grant in 2008 and 2009.

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