

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, URBAN AREA INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

ISSUE: City Council consideration of accepting funds in the amount of \$784,754.53 from the District of Columbia (DC) Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the National Capital Region Urban Area Security Initiative for public safety equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council accept the grant funds. These funds will reimburse the City for expenses incurred previously to purchase 120 portable radios and 89 radio chargers for the Police and Fire Departments and for replacement computers and equipment for the City's Emergency Operations Center.

DISCUSSION: During the summer the City of Alexandria was informed by the State Administrative Agent (SAA) for the District of Columbia (DC) that Urban Area Security Initiative funds were available for the reimbursement of eligible homeland security purchases. These funds were available because the grantees overseeing a number of approved projects within the National Capital Region had not been able to spend all of their allocated funding within the grant period.

City staff developed a list of eligible expenses and forwarded it to the SAA. The NCR Homeland Security Senior Policy Group and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management approved reimbursement to the City of \$784,754.53 for the purchase of 120 portable radios and 89 radio chargers for public safety and computers and equipment for the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that had been previously purchased utilizing City funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City funding originally used to purchase this equipment (\$784,754.53) will be held in reserve for other future City uses.

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