

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY'S EXPENSES RELATED TO THE 2009 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

**ISSUE:** Consideration of applying for grant funds in an amount not yet determined, available to the City for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the 2009 Presidential inaugural events, from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service (DCJS) on behalf of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept the funding through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2009 Presidential Inauguration and associated events constituted the largest ever event in the National Capital Region. Unprecedented regional planning and coordination occurred to support the events. Local law enforcement, Fire, EMS, Health, and Emergency Management Agencies provided security and related support activities for the events at great cost to local governments. On February 25, 2009, the United States Congress approved funding in the amount of \$20,000,000 to reimburse localities for expenses related to providing support for the 2009 Presidential Inaugural events.

**DISCUSSION:** Alexandria received the grant notification package including procedures and forms on June 12, 2009, from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). The application must be made by July 1, 2009, and required documents are due to DCJS by the close of business, June 22, 2009. City staff is preparing the required documents and have not yet determined the total costs that meet the grant criteria. The amount is estimated to be approximately \$200,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no match requirement for these grant funds. City staff will administer the grant. Reimbursement will offset already incurred City expenditures.

**STAFF:**

Adam K. Thiel, Fire Chief

Mark Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator