

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2012
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER *me RMY*
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SMALL URBAN WATERS GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS

ISSUE: Consideration of an application for U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency Small Urban Waters Grants Program funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- (1) Submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Urban Waters Small Grants funding in the amount of \$41,250, for the City's Water Quality Control Program; and
- (2) Execute all necessary documents and agreements that may be required to receive this funding under this grant program.

DISCUSSION: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water has made funds available to improve water quality in urban areas through the Urban Waters Small Grants program. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects. The City intends to use these funds to increase stormwater education and outreach through development of educational and training materials including a tour of BMP (Best Management Practices) facilities, materials on how these facilities work and must be maintained. These activities will complement the City's ongoing educational efforts concerning the Chesapeake Bay, stormwater permit requirements as well as Eco-City.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated cost of this project is \$76,250. The City will meet the cost share requirement of this grant by leveraging \$25,000 in staff time as in-kind match and using \$10,000 from existing Water Quality Improvement Fund monies. No new or additional funds are necessary to pursue this grant. The Federal share is \$41,250. The grant application may be reviewed in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3600, City Hall, during normal office hours.

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