

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JANUARY 14, 2011

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

**SUBJECT:** ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR AN URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) PROGRAM FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**ISSUE:** Acceptance of a grant award from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the Fire Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council approve the acceptance of the grant allotment; and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

**DISCUSSION:** The City has been awarded 14 sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) with a value of \$28,000 from DHS. The goal of this grant program is to enhance response and protection of the National Capital Region (NCR) first responders during emergency situations, to include chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRNE) events due to acts of terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) events, and other man-made or natural large scale emergencies.

This Program allots UASI grant funds among the fire departments of the NCR and provides personal protective equipment to Alexandria Fire Department first responders. The allotment of funding for each jurisdiction in the NCR was calculated based on daily staffing numbers. Fairfax County is administering the award and purchasing all the equipment which will then be transferred to the various jurisdictions, including the AFD.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City has been awarded 14 sets of PPE with a value of \$28,000 from DHS. 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.

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