

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 21, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER *RM*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL FIELD SURVEY OF THE OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

ISSUE: Consideration of four grant applications to conduct an architectural field survey of the Old and Historic Alexandria District.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- 1) Approve the submission of the grant application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program, not to exceed \$25,000.
- 2) Approve the submission of grant application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) Cost Share Grant Program, not to exceed \$9,000.
- 3) Approve the submission of the grant application to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Conservation Grant Program for a Professional Services Grant, not to exceed \$25,000 in services.
- 4) Approve the submission of the grant application to Historic Alexandria Foundation (HAF) for survey equipment, not to exceed \$5,000.
- 5) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Planning and Zoning proposes to use the CLG, ESRI professional services, and HAF grants to develop a software application and provide equipment that will allow teams of trained volunteers to perform a digital architectural survey of the Old and Historic Alexandria District. The grants will also support project-related modifications to the City's existing GIS website to make this survey data readily available to multiple City departments, the general public and to VDHR.

These grant requests are part of a local, state and federal architectural survey pilot program spearheaded by the City of Alexandria, in cooperation with Environmental Systems Research

