City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 11, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA HOSPITAL ALLIANCE

ISSUES: Consideration of a grant application to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) on behalf of the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance (NVHA).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

(1) Approve the application to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Homeland Security Grant Program (due April 18, 2011); and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The Commonwealth of Virginia administers the Federal pass-through State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). As a part of this program the Commonwealth offers grant allocations for regional radio interoperability projects. Each region in the Commonwealth determines the highest priority regional interoperability projects to submit for funding.

DISCUSSION: The Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance (NVHA) is seeking a State Homeland Security Grant to purchase new radios for each hospital. These radios are used to communicate from one hospital to the others during disasters. The current radios do not meet required standards. The State grant process requires a local government be the applicant for these grant funds. On Friday April 8, 2011, the NVHA asked Alexandria to sponsor the grant application. This project was approved by the Northern Virginia Regional Interoperability Committee and was ranked the region’s second priority for grant funding. The deadline for the grant application is April 18, 2011.
**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City would request $92,944 on behalf of the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance. If awarded, the City would be 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. There is no funding match requirement. This is the first time the City would be applying for this grant on behalf of NVHA.

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