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*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVING INTERDICTION PROGRAM

**ISSUE:** City Council consideration of a renewal grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for a sixth year of funding, in the amount of \$14,960, for the Police Department to operate an aggressive driving interdiction program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) approve the grant application to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$14,960, which will provide funds to the Police Department to conduct DWI checkpoints and operate an aggressive driving interdiction program in the City; and
- (2) authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

**DISCUSSION:** In early March, staff received the renewal application for its DMV grant program that funds local police agencies under the Highway Safety Project grant program. The grant application must be submitted to the DMV by April 13, 2001.

For the past five years, the City has obtained a grant under this program and is requesting \$14,960 for the upcoming year (October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002). The funds will be used to pay overtime for police officers to conduct high-intensity patrol operations targeting aggressive drivers whose behavior contributes statistically to auto accidents and unsafe driving complaints. The targeted behaviors include right-of-way violations, stop sign violations, speeding and following too close, and alcohol-related violations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** To receive the grant, the City must identify 50 percent matching funds, in the amount of \$14,960, which may be in-kind. Since the City share is an in-kind match of resources, there is no additional fiscal impact to the City for this grant. The match is identified in the Police Department operating budget using budgeted salary and fringe benefit costs for the existing motorcycle officers. The State grant of \$14,960, if approved, is reimbursed to the City as the cost of enforcement details are reported to DMV.

It should be noted that there are no additional monies in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended.

In addition, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant. These costs include financial and reporting oversight provided by the administering agency, as well as by the Office of Management and Budget and by the Finance Department.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None. The grant application may be reviewed in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3600, City Hall, during normal working hours.

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