

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: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO EXPAND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ISSUE: City Council consideration of a grant application, in the amount of \$52,385, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Grants Office to expand the programs and services of the Police Department's Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Approve the grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for a total of \$52,385; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

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

DISCUSSION: The proposed grant is being submitted under the federal Grants to Encourage Arrests Policies Program. In early March 2001, staff received this grant application package, which is a follow-on grant to the first DVIP grant received in 1999. The first grant established 5 positions and a successful regional approach to domestic violence cases. City Council is currently considering the retention of these staff and the City's full-time DVIP in the context of the FY 2002 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: In the event of a grant award, the federal government would provide \$52,385 to fund DVIP travel, training and equipment to support the program, for a period not to exceed 18 months. The City would provide no matching cash contribution. The City will absorb the costs of issued uniforms and equipment for the officer positions. 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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