

City of Alexandria Virginia

Memorandum

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT

ISSUE: City Council consideration of a grant application, in the amount of \$84,190 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to continue 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 \$84,190, which is due on January 23, 2008, and requires no local matching funds; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

DISCUSSION: The Domestic Violence Intervention Project is a community coordinated effort to address issue of domestic violence. DVIP has been receiving this grant since 1999 for a total of \$341,918. The groups includes, but is not limited to representatives from, the Office on Women, Police Department, Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff's Office, who meet regularly to discuss and develop best practices to address domestic violence. This grant supports non-personnel costs only.

FISCAL IMPACT: If approved, the grant would provide an additional \$84,190 to fund DVIP travel, training, equipment, and supplies to support the program for 24 months beginning in FY2009. There are no required matching funds. There are no personnel costs associated with this grant. The City is responsible for the normal administrative oversight.

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.

ATTACHMENT: None. The grant application may be reviewed in the Police Department-Criminal Investigation Unit during normal working hours.

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