

City of Alexandria, Virginia


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MEMORANDUM

**REVISED RECOMMENDATION SECTION (IN
ITALICS) AS OF JUNE 20, 2008**

DATE: JUNE 19, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND
RESOLUTION FOR A PRESERVE AMERICA GRANT FROM THE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, TO ENHANCE INTERPRETIVE AND
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC
ALEXANDRIA

ISSUE: Consideration of a grant application and resolution for a Preserve America grant, from the National Park Service, enhance interpretive and educational program of the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA).

RECOMMENDATION: *That City Council:*

- (1) *Approve the attached resolution; and*
- (2) *Authorize the City Manager to:*
 - a. *Submit the grant application (due June 30), requesting \$228,368 in Preserve America federal grant funding; and*
 - b. *Execute all necessary documents that may be required.*

BACKGROUND: Preserve America grants support designated communities that have demonstrated a commitment to preserving, recognizing, designating, and protecting local cultural resources. They are funded by an appropriation of the Federal Government and administered by the National Park Service. Eligible applicants for Preserve America Grants are federally-designated Preserve America communities and neighborhoods, certified local governments, State historic preservation offices, and Tribal historic

preservation offices. Alexandria has been designated a Preserve America community, and is eligible to receive these funds.

DISCUSSION: If grant funds are awarded, the Office of Historic Alexandria will expand the living history and educational programs recently developed as part of the National Harbor initiative. The funds will be used to revise and print a new *Alexandria Bikeways* map, highlighting the historic sites and cultural resources along the Alexandria Heritage Trail; and produce and provide equipment for an interpretive orientation film at each of the seven OHA museum facilities including, Gadsby's Tavern Museum; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum; Alexandria Black History Museum; The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum; Friendship Firehouse Museum; Alexandria Archaeology Museum; and Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site.

If the Preserve America grant program is continued in FY 2010, OHA will continue to apply to support new initiatives, as well as expanding on-going programs.

GRANT PERIOD: Awards will be announced in September 2008. The term of the grant is October 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT: This grant requires a 50 percent match (\$228,368), of non-federal funds, through either in-kind services or cash. The City's match will be in the form of both; \$149,472 for in-kind services; \$64,896 in cash previously allocated by Council for National Harbor initiatives, and \$14,000 in cash donations from supporters of Friends of Historic Alexandria. The \$64,896 National Harbor initiatives will continue to be expended on those initiatives, but since those initiatives are eligible activities under the Preserve America grant, those funds can be used as match.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

STAFF:

Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Karen L. Winey, Grants Coordinator

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with the City of Alexandria's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has received designation as a *Preserve America* Community in order to improve our City's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Historic Alexandria is interested in promoting the Interpretation of Historic Alexandria project in an effort to promote the cultural and historical assets of the City of Alexandria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports the grant application for *Preserve America* funds to assist the completion of the Interpretation of Historic Alexandria project;

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ADOPTED: June 24, 2008

WILLIAM D. EUILLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jackie Henderson, CMC City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2288
for
Preserve America Grant Application

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Gloria A. Sitton, CMC **Deputy City Clerk**