


EXHIBIT NO. 1
City of Alexandria, Virginia
MEMORANDUM

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DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHIER ALEXANDRIA

ISSUE: Authorization for grant submission to the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, to build capacity for the Coalition.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse to submit a grant (due January 31, 2008), and, if awarded, accept a one-time award up to \$15,000 from DMHMRSAS for developing the capacity of the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria (the Coalition).

BACKGROUND: DMHMRSAS is offering one-time grants of up to \$15,000 to community services boards to assist city or county governments, schools, and other prevention services providers to develop or strengthen local prevention planning coalitions. The funding is for one year only and may be used to support community meetings, needs and risk factor assessments, prevention events, small grants for services, materials, and training. The funding may also be used to help coalitions meet the requirements to become eligible to apply for a Drug-Free Communities or other coalition grant. The emphasis is on the development of a strong, ongoing coalition that will become the catalyst for collaborative prevention service planning.

The Coalition requests funding to assist with our community assessment, send members to Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) training activities, and support Coalition initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT: The grant proposal is for \$15,000 and is to be used by January 31, 2009. No City match is required.

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