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*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 30, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**ISSUE:** Grant award from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purchase of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) related equipment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the grant award from the Virginia DCJS in the amount of \$40,000, which will provide funds to the Police Department for the purchase of CBRNE related equipment; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

**DISCUSSION:** The federal Homeland Security Program provides federal funds (through the State) to assist local law enforcement in the prevention of terrorist acts. On March 2, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has selected 45 localities in the Commonwealth to receive grants this year. The City of Alexandria has been selected to receive \$40,000 for personal protective equipment for City Police personnel. Although no DCJS selected potential recipients, the Police Department must now submit a grant application to receive these funds.

Given our proximity to the nation's capital, it is necessary for the Police Department to maintain as much mitigating capability as our funding allows. This grant will enable us to significantly support that effort without fiscal burden to the City. The grant has a two-year window to expend the monies and the exact nature of the items to be purchased will be determined during that period.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No City match is required to receive grant funds. However, 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.

It should be noted that there is no requirement of commitment or obligation of monies from the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended.

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