


## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** JUNE 16, 2010

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR ARRA/STIMULUS GRANT FUNDS FOR THE HEAD START PROGRAM AT THE CAMPAGNA CENTER

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of application for ARRA/Stimulus grant funds for the Head Start program at the Campagna Center.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council authorize submission of a grant application (due July 19, 2010) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for up to \$225,000, which will be used to hire three to four persons as temporary staff at the Campagna Center to serve as early learning resource coaches for the Center's Head Start teachers.

**DISCUSSION:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), Office of Head Start, recently (May 28, 2010) announced the availability of additional grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. A total of approximately \$25 million will be competitively awarded to hire early learning resource coaches for existing Head Start programs. USDHHS expects to award up to 125 grants nationwide. The funds will be used to pay resource coaches who will provide on-the-job guidance, technical assistance and training to teachers, home visitors and family child care providers who work in Head Start programs. The overall goal of the resource coaches will be to improve the qualifications and training of teaching staff. The Campagna Center would like to apply for \$225,000 in grant funds to hire three to four persons to serve as resource coaches for up to 17 months.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No City match is required to receive these grant funds. However, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant. Staff is aware that no City funds will be available to fund this program in FY 2011 or future years. Anyone hired under this grant will be advised that the positions will be terminated once the grant funds are spent.

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