

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR), URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE COST OF A SEPTEMBER 2009 REGIONAL EMERGENCY EXERCISE

ISSUE: City Council consideration of accepting funds in the amount of \$38,285 available to the City for a two month period, ending December 31, 2009, from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission through District of Columbia (D.C.) Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the National Capital Region Urban Area Security Initiative. These funds will reimburse the City for expenses incurred by the City for the regional exercise "Chaos '09" held in September 2009.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Authorize the City Manager to accept the funding through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) in the amount of \$38,285; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The National Capital Region (NCR) has received \$58,006,500 in Urban Area Security Grant funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to support the regional efforts to prepare for and respond to disasters including terrorism. These funds were allocated by the NCR Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and the Senior Policy Group (SPG) in July 2009. The investment-area justifications and project plans were developed by various Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (COG) committees during meetings in December, 2008 and January, 2009. The investment justifications were then sent to DHS as a grant application on behalf of the entire National Capital Region.

DISCUSSION: Alexandria was notified on September 22, 2009 by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission that the City is eligible to receive a total of \$38,285, to be made available over a two-month period, to reimburse the City for overtime costs incurred during the regional large-scale exercise. These grant funds are being added to a grant previously approved by City Council on May 27, 2008, for the development of the Northern Virginia Regional Response System.

This grant currently supports the development of standard operating procedures for the Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team and the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department Mass Casualty Support Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no match requirement for these grant funds. City staff will administer the grant. The City will receive \$38,285 in grant revenue.

STAFF:

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