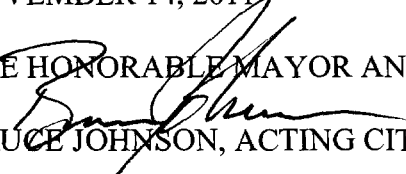


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:  BRUCE JOHNSON, ACTING CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR), URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

ISSUE: City Council consideration of accepting funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security through the District of Columbia (D.C.) Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the National Capital Region Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for Emergency Management Planning.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- 1) Accept the funding through the Urban Area Security Initiative in the amount of \$125,000; and
- (2) Execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The National Capital Region (NCR) received \$59,392,477 in 2010 Urban Area Security Grant funds and the same amount again in 2011 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). The investment-area justifications and project plans were developed by various Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (COG) committees during meetings in early 2010. 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 November 4, 2011 by the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency of its eligibility to receive a total of \$125,000 for continued support of our regional planning program. The 2011 grant ends on October 31, 2013.

These funds will continue to provide one temporary grant funded staff member assigned to the Office of Emergency Management to review, edit and create regional emergency management plans in conjunction with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments emergency management planning subcommittee. These grant funds are available as Alexandria's share of continued efforts in the NCR to have a coordinated and effective response to any incident.

Alexandria has participated for four years with other jurisdictions to plan, equip, train, and exercise our response systems for disasters. Alexandria has received this grant for the past four years.

These funds are designated to sustain these efforts in Alexandria. These funds will allow the Office of Emergency Management to continue the services of a temporary grant funded staff to continue participating in the planning efforts of the NCR.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no match requirement for these grant funds. City staff will administer the grant. The funds will be appropriated in the Spring through the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance.

STAFF:

Mark Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator

Adam K. Thiel, Fire Chief