



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 9, 2006**

DATE: November 7, 2006

SUBJECT: Urban Area Security Initiative, 2006 funds from the Washington D.C. State Administrative Agent for support to public health emergency planning.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept grant funds awarded by the Washington D.C. State Administrative Agent from the Urban Area Security Initiative, 2006 grant period.
2. Appropriate \$84,000.00 from the United States Office of Homeland Security (101.37400) to the Department of Human Services (101.55001) for the support of public health emergency planning.

ISSUES: None

SUMMARY: The Washington D.C. State Administrative Agent is providing a grant through June 30, 2008 from the Urban Area Security Initiative 2006 budget to fund contract planning support for the public health emergency planner. The following work areas will be the focus of activity during the grant period:

- Development of Public Health related Emergency Support Functions standard operating procedures
- Support to the development and implementation of a comprehensive competency based training program for the Medical Reserve Corp and Public Health Response Team
- Support to the review, revision and augmentation of existing Public Health Emergency Operations Plans in preparation for the Project Public Health Ready Recognition process.

The funds will be granted for: Contract support staffing (\$81,796) equipment purchase (\$1,700) and printing costs (\$504).

BACKGROUND: The grant will be used to enhance local public health preparedness through the development of operational tools and enhanced training for volunteers and staff.

DISCUSSION: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has chosen to allocate a portion of their state share of the Urban Area Security Initiative 2006 funds to support public health and medical services projects in the Northern Virginia jurisdictions. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management asked that this money be provided directly to the jurisdictions from the State Administrative Agent in Washington D.C. The grant will support

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planning and training activities in the Public Health Division in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. There is no impact on net tax support.