

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 3, 2013

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER /s/

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR FY 2013

ISSUE: Consideration of a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the support of the City government for FY 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass this proposed Ordinance (Attachment 1) on first reading and schedule it for public hearing, second reading, and final passage on Saturday April 13, 2013.

DISCUSSION: This Ordinance includes the appropriation of City Grants and Capital Funds; the transfer of General Fund appropriations between various departments and the appropriation of Affordable Housing Funds.

- (1) Appropriation of grant revenues authorized and adjusted but not appropriated in Fiscal Year 2013. The appropriation of \$226,167 of grant revenue accepted or adjusted by the City in FY 2013, for specific programs, but not yet appropriated. The most significant of these adjustments include a decrease of \$1.4 million to reflect a change in the way childcare provider payments are delivered. It should be noted that the reduction does not affect the number of children receiving childcare; the state will directly pay the providers instead of passing the funds through to the localities. The total appropriation also includes \$1.0 million in additional program income to the Office of Housing from developer contributions to the Housing Trust Fund. These significant adjustments are offset by numerous, smaller adjustments that are described in Attachment 2.
- (2) Transfer of budget authority between various departments. The transfer of budget authority between various City departments establishes budget authority in the department in which the expense is incurred or the program or activity is carried out. This appropriation includes the transfer of \$135,000 from a Non-Departmental account to Housing which represents real estate tax revenue dedicated to affordable housing initiatives. Of the \$2.0 million generated from the \$.006 real property tax dedication, \$1.5 million is used for debt service. In FY 2013, \$270,000 was set aside for future debt

service associated with bonds issued for the James Bland project and budgeted in a Non-Departmental account. The \$1.5 million debt issuance in June 2012, required only \$135,000 for debt service. This transfer of \$135,000 is the remaining amount of the dedicated funds. It is anticipated that additional debt will be issued for affordable housing related to the Beauregard Small Area Plan and \$135,000 will be used for debt service in future years. The Office of Housing FY 2013 Approved Budget includes \$0.4 million for affordable housing initiatives. This appropriation also includes the transfer of \$196,056 previously appropriated to a Non-Departmental account for career ladder and pay compression elevations in the following departments: Police, Sheriff and Transportation and Environmental Services.

- (3) Appropriation of General Fund Fine and Fee revenue. This appropriation of \$180,000 in revenue generated from the red light camera traffic enforcement initiative will provide budget authority for the contractual costs of the program, which was reinstated in August 2011.
- (4) Appropriation of General Fund Recovered Costs. This appropriation of \$9,776 in revenue received from the State to offset election costs in 2012 will provide funds for the electronic poll books that were purchased jointly with the state in advance of the November Presidential Election.
- (5) Appropriation of General Fund to the Housing Fund. This appropriation provides a Transfer from the General Fund of \$135,000 to the Housing Fund for affordable housing initiatives.
- (6) Appropriation of General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund. This appropriation provides a transfer of \$13,245 from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund in the Department of Community and Human Services. In December 2012, City Council authorized the appropriation of the net of \$13,245 in General Funds to the Department of Human Services for Sunday Meals on Wheels (\$39,983), the transfer of a position from the Alexandria Health Department(\$98,329), and the transfer of Headstart Classroom funds to the Alexandria City Public Schools (-\$125,067). This action recognizes the impact these adjustments had on the Special Revenue Fund since the aforementioned actions are budgeted as Interfund Transfers.

FISCAL IMPACT: The six sections of the Ordinance appropriate a total of \$564,188 as follows:

Section 1.	Appropriation of grant revenues authorized and adjusted but not appropriated in Fiscal Year 2013	\$ 226,167
Section 2.	Transfer of budget authority between various departments	\$0
Section 3.	Appropriation of General Fund Fine and Fee Revenue	\$180,000
Section 4.	Appropriation of General Fund Recovered Costs	\$9,776
Section 5	Transfer of Budget Authority from the General Fund to the Housing Fund	\$135,000

