

## **ResilientALX Charter Executive Summary**

### **Purpose**

The City of Alexandria's FY 2017 to FY 2022 Strategic Plan highlights the importance of a Safe and Resilient Community. Alexandria's Citizen Corps Council (CCC) is designed to advise the City on how to enhance community resilience. The project will include creating a Charter, and Assessment and Report. The Charter offers an overarching vision to supplement the goal of Alexandria's Strategic Plan in the area of creating a *Safe and Resilient Community*.

### **Charter**

The CCC Charter will utilize the [FEMA Lifelines](#) to categorize data from the study. The results of which will inform the Focus Areas of the Assessment and Report. CCC will work collaboratively with related advisory bodies to create a sound and unifying vision for the City.

### **Assessment and Report**

Once completed and signed by City Council, CCC will start its Assessment and Reporting process. The Assessment, CCC proposes that its members, with aid from a research student(s), will:

- Analyze existing preparedness data; and
- Solicit stakeholder input through surveys

It is anticipated that the report will identify perceived strengths and weaknesses in Alexandria's preparedness posture, along with recommended actions.

### **Integration into Strategic Plan**

Change begins with a data-driven, comprehensive understanding of the issues—the Assessment will bring clarity. CCC will further explore cost effective options for improving resilience, as well as grant and other funding opportunities to help the City realize its goals.

The resulting Report (ResilientALX Action Plan) will then serve as a powerful tool to inform current and future Strategic Plans—particularly for the thematic area, *Safe and Resilient Community*.

### **Approach**

CCC will adopt a gate review process requiring approval at end of each phase. Council can decide whether CCC should continue to the next phase.

CCC predicts that the Charter will take one year to complete. The Assessment and Report will take approximately two years.

## **Outcomes**

### **Anticipated Resilient ALX project outcomes include:**

- Clearer vision for preparedness planning in the City.
- Reduced impact of disasters and emergencies to individuals, households, businesses, non-profit organizations, and local government agencies.
- Improved individual preparedness to reduce strain on public safety groups (such as Alexandria's first responders and volunteer organizations) during a disaster.
- Faster recovery from disasters across factors including: 1) physical; 2) financial and economic; 3) psycho-social and 4) governmental.

## **Considerations**

- The Charter simply provides a vision for creating a more resilient community.
- The Assessment and Report will rely heavily on volunteers to collect, consolidate, and analyze data and to write the draft and final report.
  - CCC, in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management, will seek assistance from university research students.
- In the Report, CCC may recommend specific projects with cost estimates.
- The CCC's goal is to deliver a report that can inform or supplement the City's Strategic Plan. CCC may recommend projects or activities, beyond the Strategic Plan, where it makes sense.

## **Cost Analysis**

The CCC plans to utilize graduate students to gather and assimilate data we anticipate that direct cost to the city is minimal. During the course of executing the charter and developing the report. The Office of Emergency Management will utilize staff time to assist with the completion of the final document. Examples of potential staff time are:

- Assisting with research
- Assisting with interpretation of data and analysis
- Project Management/Administration