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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of a Grant Renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Program for the FY 2015 School Year Snack Sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

ISSUE: Consideration of grant renewal to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Food Program for At-Risk After School Snack Program for the FY 2015 school year snack program sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council authorizes the City Manager to:

1. Submit the At-Risk After School grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2015 (due date September 1, 2014);
2. Affirm that there are no funds available in the City budget to continue these activities once the grant funds are expended; and
3. Execute all documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities has administered the At-Risk After School Snack Program since FY 2004. The City receives funding from the USDA to provide after school snacks to the City's after school recreation programs. The Department contracts with the Alexandria City Public Schools Food and Nutrition Service to provide the snacks for the programs.

Alexandria will receive FY 2015 renewal funding for its At-Risk After School Snack Program. The level of funding for FY 2015 is \$122,000 in USDA After School Snack 2015 OCA, which is reimbursed to the City by the USDA. A renewal application is required for this federal fiscal year for the Virginia Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) state agency administration. These funds will continue to provide nutritious after school snacks to participants in the RPCA Power-On, Power-Up and Therapeutic Recreation Program at seven (7) full time recreation centers, four (4) part-time after school centers

and two (2) therapeutic recreation after school programs during the 2014-15 school year.

RENEWAL GRANT PERIOD: October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT: The meals must be served free of charge in order to receive reimbursement from USDA. There is no requirement for the City to provide either cash or an in-kind match for this program. However, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant. These costs include financial and reporting oversight provided by the administering agency (Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities), as well as by the Office of Management and Budget and by the Finance Department.

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