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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 16, 2018

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER /s/

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Consideration of a Grant Application to the 2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Emergency Response Equipment.

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a grant application to the 2018 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to fund specialized hazardous material equipment and training to meet minimum equipment capabilities and training standards established for State (Regional) Hazardous Material Teams.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Authorize the submission of a grant application for \$75,000; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Homeland Security Program is a grant program run by VDEM. Grant applications are submitted to support Homeland Security efforts in local jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Funds for the program are provided by the National Preparedness Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the Homeland Security Grant Program. Allowable expenditures include equipment, exercises and training.

Current information from the granting agency has indicated a May 25, 2018 application due date.

**DISCUSSION:** These funds will assist the City Hazardous Materials Team meet recently revised VDEM inventory and training standards. This will help ensure the team has adequate equipment and training to meet the minimum capabilities to meet State and Federal standards.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Fire Department is requesting grant funds up to the amount of \$75,000 for the purchase of equipment to meet revised VDEM standards and a specialized Hazardous Materials simulation system. City staff will administer the grant. The City is also responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant, including financial and reporting oversight provided by the Fire Department, as well as the Office of Management and Budget, and the Finance Department. There is no cash match requirement.

The City has applied for and has been awarded this grant in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2017.

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