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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2020

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of a Grant Application for the Commonwealth of Virginia's 2020 Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

ISSUE: Consideration of a grant application for the Commonwealth of Virginia's 2020 Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to support the fire department in maintaining and operating emergency response plans and capabilities in order to deal with radiological incidents for the State (Regional) Hazardous Materials Team.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Authorize the application of a grant for \$3,500; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The Commonwealth of Virginia's 2020 Dominion Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) funds will support the Alexandria Fire Department in maintaining and operating emergency response plans and capabilities dealing with radiological incidents. Allowable expenditures include equipment, exercises and training. The grant funds are allocated over a five (5) year period not to exceed \$3,500.

DISCUSSION: These funds will assist the Hazardous Materials Team in obtaining decontamination equipment for radiological incidents. 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 would utilize the full \$3,500 to enhance the preparedness abilities of our hazardous materials team members to effectively respond to and mitigate Chemical, Biological,

Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) threats. 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.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

STAFF:

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