City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 3, 2020

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, 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 Snack Program for the FY 2021 School Year Snack Program 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 2021 (September 2020 through June 2021) school year snack program sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to submit an At-Risk After School grant renewal application to the United States Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2020 (due date September 1, 2020);

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 2021 renewal funding for its At-Risk After School Snack Program. The level of funding for FY 2021 is $143,000 in USDA After School Snack 2021 Program, 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 Education (DOE) state agency administration. These funds will continue to provide nutritious after school snacks and suppers to participants in the RPCA Power-On Program at Charles Barrett, Charles Houston, Leonard Armstrong, Mt. Vernon, Patrick Henry, and William Ramsay Recreation Centers; LINK Club programs at Ferdinand T. Day and Hammond Middle School; the school-based Power-On Programs at MacArthur and John Adams; and, the Youth Achieving Greatness and Therapeutic Recreation Programs at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center during the 2020-2021 school year. This service plan is tentative given ACPS's COVID-19 driven operating plans are not known at this time.

RENEWAL GRANT PERIOD: October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

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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