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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 1, 2020

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

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

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Competitive State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

ISSUE: Consideration of the Submission of a Grant Application for a Competitive State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Approve a grant application totaling \$65,033, submitted May 19, 2020, to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The exact amount awarded will be determined by the VDEM; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The Alexandria Sheriff's Office (ASO) applied for a competitive grant to mitigate the hazard of a terrorism/active shooter event. Eligible participants include units of local and state governments. The ASO is seeking funds to purchase a weapons training simulator and funds to conduct an active shooter exercise with members of the police department.

DISCUSSION: The ASO plans to purchase the simulator to improve firearms proficiency and the choice of force decisions for deputies. The cost of the simulator is \$54,893. The ASO also intends to conduct an active shooter exercise with members of the police department at the courthouse and anticipates \$10,140 in overtime costs for the training. The total request for ASO is \$65,033.

If the Council does not approve the grant application, we will decline any award offered.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no match requirement, and reimbursement funds awarded may not equal the request. Any funds awarded will be deposited directly into the City's General Fund Account after acceptance and processing by the Grant Administrator.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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