



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 8, 2006**

DATE: June 15, 2006

SUBJECT: Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment to request funds which will be used to respond to the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 decisions.
2. Contingent upon grant award, appropriate in FY 2007 up to \$1,000,000 in grant revenue to the Department of Economic Development for the costs associated with the program and authorize 1.0 FTE (Full Time, Grant Funded) position.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the grant agreement subject to County Attorney review.

ISSUES: Should the County apply for federal funds to deal with the impacts of the 2005 BRAC actions?

SUMMARY: The Department of Economic Development is requesting grant funds of up to \$1,000,000 from the Office of Economic Adjustment to assist Arlington with addressing impacts resulting from the 2005 BRAC actions. Specifically, these grant funds would be used for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to economic and planning studies to guide the redevelopment of Crystal City, assist impacted businesses, provide communications and address transportation, security and other issues important to the mitigation of BRAC related impacts on Crystal City.

BACKGROUND: The 2005 BRAC actions will relocate or close agencies operating out of nearly 4 million square feet of leased office space in Arlington, and could affect nearly 17,000 jobs, making Arlington the community most affected by BRAC in the United States.

DISCUSSION: The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) is the Department of Defense's (DoD) primary source for assisting communities that are adversely impacted by Defense

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Terry Holzheimer, AED

program changes, including base closures or realignments, base expansions, and contract or program cancellations. To assist affected communities, OEA manages and directs the Defense Economic Adjustment Program and coordinates the involvement of other Federal Agencies.

Economic adjustment assistance provides a community-based context for assessing economic hardships caused by DoD program changes by identifying and evaluating alternative courses of action, identifying resource requirements, and assisting in the preparation of an adjustment strategy or action plan to help communities help themselves.

FISCAL IMPACT: If awarded, the grant requires a local match of 10% of the grant amount (up to \$100,000), which may include in-kind contributions of personnel. The match can be met through County staff time and the approved FY 2007 Department of Economic Development budget. There is no increase in net tax support.