



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of July 8, 2006

DATE: June 16, 2006

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Federal Funds for the Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (BAJCDC) to create a small business incubator in Nauck.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Appropriate in Fiscal Year 2007: \$89, 415 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development funds awarded to Arlington County for development costs to Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD), Housing Division (Account # 101.72401).
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute an Agreement with the BAJCDC for use of the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Funds subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

ISSUE: None.

SUMMARY: In 2003, the County requested Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Congressman Moran's Office for use by the BAJCDC for the development of a small business incubator. The BAJCDC requests to access these funds for costs associated with development of a mixed-use project that will include an incubator space in addition to residential and retail space.

BACKGROUND: The BAJCDC has operated in Nauck since 1999, and has been primarily focused on redevelopment activity within the Nauck Community. Its mission is to play a leadership role in community development in Nauck, particularly in the Shirlington Road Special Revitalization District (Nauck Village Center).

Several years ago, the BAJCDC submitted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal for development of a business incubator. Although CDBG funds were not approved, Arlington County was able to secure an EDI Grant for BAJCDC for that purpose.

DISCUSSION: The BAJCDC expects to use these funds to develop a small business incubator as part of a mixed use residential and retail space on Shirlington Road. The County Manager will develop and execute an Agreement with the BAJCDC that will outline the specific eligible uses

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for the EDI funds in this project and the conditions for release of funds to the BAJCDC. County staff is discussing with the BAJCDC the details of the small business assistance to be provided and the possibility of expanding assistance to non-profit organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Federal grant constitutes the extent of the County's financial contribution toward the project. BAJCDC is responsible for securing other funding needed for the mixed use project and the incubator.