

Non-Departmental

Non-Departmental Expenditures, continued

	FY 2008 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2009 <u>Approved</u>	FY 2010 <u>Approved</u>
<u>Contingent Reserves</u>	\$6,386	\$816,218	\$1,543,160

Contingent Reserves:

In FY 2010, a service reduction of \$375,000 was taken in contingent reserves as part of a City-wide budget review. This reduction will require City Council to fund contingent expenditures by identifying other reductions or revenue increases on a case-by-case basis as the need arises. City staff will assist Council in identifying those choices.

Subsequent to the City Manager's proposed budget, an amount of \$1,543,160 was added via the Council add/delete process to address the following needs:

- \$455,000 to fund a homeownership assistance program to help low-income residents purchase distressed properties.
- \$237,000 to fund forthcoming economic development initiatives (\$237,000), including funds for Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Incorporated (AEDP - \$137,000), Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association (ACVA - \$50,000) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC - \$50,000).
- \$60,000 to fund the creation of an additional sober living unit in the Office of the Sheriff.
- \$11,160 to reflect the transfer of Sister Cities Program funds from the Office of Citizen Assistance to Contingent Reserves.
- \$200,000 to fund WMATA and DASH subsidies.
- \$50,000 to fund a Fort Ward Park historic and archeological study.
- \$500,000 to fund for the implementation of the Watson-Wyatt study of City employee pay scale adjustments.
- \$30,000 to fund 2010 Census "complete count" activities.

In FY 2009 a total of \$816,218 was approved for contingent reserves, including a total of \$616,218 added in the Council add/delete process which established the following contingencies:

- \$222,696 to fund safety improvements in the Fire Department.
- \$125,000 to fund Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Incorporated (AEDP) forthcoming initiatives.
- \$50,000 to fund the establishment of Alexandria Arts Districts.
- \$100,000 to fund an air quality monitoring station for the Mirant plant.
- \$228,522 to fund beginning implementation of the Watson-Wyatt study of City employee pay-scale adjustments.
- \$90,000 to fund a senior needs assessment study.

A previously designated amount of \$80,000 was carried over from FY 2008 for the Urban Forestry Plan, to fund a full-time Horticultural Assistant position with benefits (\$60,000) and additional seasonal employees (\$20,000) to maintain tree inventory, develop tree and landscape management plans as well as coordinate tree maintenance initiatives pending Council review and approval of an Urban Forestry plan.

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Contingent Reserves, continued:

Monies budgeted in the contingent reserves account can only be expended after specific action by City Council to allocate, transfer to and appropriate these monies to other accounts.

To date, Council has released \$311,000 from contingent reserves to partially fund the following City projects; including, a target industry marketing research (AEDP initiative - \$63,000), the Senior Needs Assessment Study (\$10,000), a waiver of permit fees for the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club Renovation Project (\$5,000) and Planning and Zoning small area plan projects (\$170,000).

Council has also released a total of \$300,000 (\$63,000 in FY2009 and \$237,000 in FY 2010) to fund economic development initiatives; including, AEDP staffing, marketing and investment initiatives (\$200,000); ACVA marketing initiatives (\$50,000) and SBDC staffing, consulting and marketing initiatives (\$50,000).

A total amount of \$585,218 remains in contingent reserves for designated Council initiatives.