

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Summary of Project/Program Grant Submission**

Department Name: Human Services

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Name of ARRA Grant Program Submitting To: Head Start Bureau, Health and Human Services

Deadline for ARRA Grant Application Submission: May 14, 2009

Title of City Program/Project: Alexandria Head Start

Description of Program/Project and Current Need – *Provide a description of the program or project that you are submitting a grant application for. Indicate if this is a new program or project. What is the current need (i.e. why are you applying for stimulus funds)?*

The ARRA allocation to the Alexandria Head Start program totals \$127,481. This set-aside funding is designated to be used to support staff compensation, retention and development. The allocation includes \$32,243 for a 1.84% cost of living adjustment (COLA) that will likely be used for one-time stipends to reward program staff for reaching educational goals. The remaining \$95,238 for Quality Improvement (QI) will be used for compensation and staff development, including tuition scholarships, with the goal of improving the quality of Alexandria's program.

Implementation – *When can this program be up and running?*

This funding is available for the 2009-2010 Head Start program year that begins on September 1, 2009. The COLA dollars must be expended by August 31, 2010. The QI funds are available through September 30, 2010.

What principals and goals of the ARRA does this program/project fulfill? *(Will it result in the creation of jobs or can it be shown in some other way to stimulate the economy)*

This is a set-aside for the Head Start program that increases the quality of Head Start programs by supporting staff development through one-time stipends, scholarships, and through staff development that helps staff qualify for future salary increases and promotions as they complete their educational goals. Some of the dollars will be used to temporarily fund increases in benefit costs that had been paid for by The Campagna Center. The Campagna Center will reassume responsibility for these costs when the ARRA funding expires.

Short-term/Long-term Fiscal Impact - *Does the grant program require any funding (i.e. match) from the City in order to implement? Will this program create a long-term fiscal commitment for the City? What will happen after funding runs out?*

The 20% match for these funds is met through the in-kind contributions of the Alexandria City Public Schools of space and other services.