

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

Department Name: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

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Name of ARRA Grant Program Submitting To: Virginia Commission for the Arts - 2009 Virginia Arts Economic Stimulus Program

Deadline for ARRA Grant Application Submission: May 18, 2009

Title of City Program/Project: Office of the Arts Seasonal Employee Program

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 purpose of the grant is to preserve jobs within Virginia arts organizations. The City is eligible to apply as a local arts agency (municipality) because we applied for a Virginia Commission for the Arts' 2009-2010 Services to the Field Grant.

As part of the FY 2009 budget recissions, \$18,000 of Durant Center seasonal employee funds were eliminated. Those funds were to be used to hire a seasonal staff position to assist the Office of the Arts with time-consuming but important events and projects including the Alexandria Film Festival, Alex Awards, Festival of the Arts and Art in City Hall/City Galleries program, among others. The grant proposal will request \$18,000 to restore those seasonal employee funds and hire a part-time, short term (eleven months), seasonal employee. Restoration of the seasonal employee will allow the community events to continue while also allowing full-time staff within the Office of the Arts to focus on a number of foundation-building studies and projects that are needed in order to progress the development of the Office and the growth of the arts within the City.

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

If funding is awarded, the program could begin by mid-to-late July, 2009

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 grant will result in the creation of one job. The short-term position is important to the Office of the Arts artistic mission. In addition, assistance to the Office will provide long-term benefits in that it will allow critical arts-related issues to be addressed by permanent staff which could ultimately positively impact the economy of Alexandria.

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?*

No match is required. The program will not create a long-term fiscal commitment for the City. Once the funds have been expended, the temporary position will end.