

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2002  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation  
SUBJECT: Title V Grant

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The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded James City County's Division of Parks and Recreation a \$64,487 Title V Delinquency Prevention Incentive Matching Grant.

The purpose of the grant is to assist with the establishment of a new after-school program at the County's two community centers for referred middle school students. The program, "Beyond the Bell," will provide at-risk youth with a safe, supervised program that addresses the risk factors of academic failure, substance abuse, lack of social ties, and lack of parental involvement. All program participants will be admitted based on referrals from teachers, counselors, social services staff, school resource officers, court services staff, or other appropriate referral sources. Referred youth will be screened, and those with the highest prevalence of risk factors and lowest prevalence of protective factors will be selected for the program.

The grant funds will be used to pay the salary and benefits of two full-time limited-term Senior Recreation Leaders to conduct the program, and for the purchase of two curricula to be used. The County will match the grant with two part-time Recreation Leaders (one at each site) that are currently in the budget, and with \$16,050 from the General Operating fund for supplies, snacks, and quarterly dinners. Funds awarded combined with existing budgeted funds and positions will be sufficient to run the program with an annual estimated cost of \$97,039.

"Beyond the Bell" directly supports the County's Youth Strategic Plan.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution accepting the \$64,487 grant for the "Beyond the Bell" program, and to appropriate the funds as described above.

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Needham S. Cheely, III

CONCUR:

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Anthony Conyers, Jr.

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