

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2004
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Title V Grant - Beyond the Bell

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded James City County's Division of Parks and Recreation a \$56,465 Title V Delinquency Prevention Incentive Matching Grant.

The purpose of the grant is to assist with costs for the after-school program at the County's two community centers for referred middle school students. The program, Beyond the Bell, provides 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. The grant funds will be used towards the salary and benefits of two full-time Senior Recreation Leaders to conduct the program. The County will match the grant with two part-time Recreation Leaders (one at each site) that are currently in the budget, and with \$17,550 that needs to be appropriated from the General Fund Grant Match account for supplies, snacks, quarterly dinners, and merit increases.

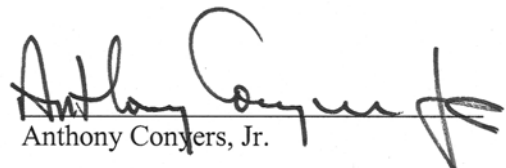
The County has received this grant for the Beyond the Bell for three years. After FY 2005, the program is no longer eligible for this grant.

The development of free youth activities directly supports the County's new Youth Strategic Plan, in addition to supporting the County's goal of balancing service demands with available resources.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution to accept the \$56,465 grant for the Beyond the Bell program, and to appropriate the funds into the Special Projects/Grants fund as described above.


Needham S. Cheely, III

CONCUR:


Anthony Conyers, Jr.

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