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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/.

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Feature Articles

National Donor Sabbath: November 11-13, 2005 Donate Life...

This year is the 10th anniversary of National Donor Sabbath. Since 1996, faith communities throughout the nation have observed this opportunity to discuss donation over the weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) that falls two weeks before Thanksgiving. In 2005, National Donor Sabbath will be observed on November 11-13. Places of worship will hold services and programs focused on the life-affirming gifts of hope passed to others by organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors. Faith leaders will participate in discussions of donation and transplantation, and houses of worship will provide activities to increase awareness of the critical need for donors.

Most religions in the United States, whether they officially support organ and tissue donation or support the individual choices of their members, view donation as an act of compassion and generosity. Temples, churches, mosques, and other places of worship will observe the National Donor Sabbath ~ each in their own fashion. But every National Donor Sabbath program will provide an opportunity for faith leaders and their communities, donor family members, living donors, transplant recipients, representatives from organ procurement organizations, or other donation advocates to increase awareness of sharing the greatest of all gifts – life.

While participation in National Donor Sabbath increases each year, every year the need also increases for more people to consider being donors. As of August 2005, nearly 90,000 men, women, and children were on the organ transplant waiting list. Donation and transplantation can save lives, but despite a 10.8 percent increase in donation in 2004 over 2003, the need for organs still far exceeds the number donated. More than 27,000 organ transplants were performed in 2004, yet each day that year 17 people died, on average, because there was no healthy organ available to replace their failing heart, kidney, liver, lung, or pancreas. More than 33,000 blood donors are needed each day in our nation, thousands of Americans each year need corneal or other tissue transplants, and an average of 3,000 individuals at any given time are searching for an unrelated marrow donor. Organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors share gifts beyond measure.

I know that places of worship are unique settings to talk about the precious gifts of life...Regardless of race, religion, or culture, we can come together and help educate and lift awareness and ask for a response...by sharing the gift of life. Let us be faithful stewards and share this gift with others in need.

-- The Reverend Canon Dalton D. Downs, heart transplant recipient and Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

- [Understanding the National Donor Sabbath: A Personal Story](#)

For more information on National Donor Sabbath, please contact Joy Demas, Public and Professional Education Branch, Division of Transplantation, HRSA, at: jdemas@hrsa.gov, 301-443-7577

November is National Family Caregivers Month

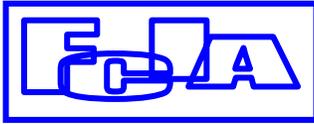
National Family Caregivers Month, which is observed every November, seeks to draw attention to the many challenges facing family caregivers, advocate for stronger public policy to address family caregiving issues, and raise awareness about community programs that support family caregivers. It is a time to thank, support, educate, and celebrate more than 50 million family caregivers across the country. This year's National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) theme is Caring Every Day. It encourages family caregivers to take three steps every day to make their lives easier, improve care, and raise awareness about their continued love and commitment. The three steps include:

- ❖ **Believe in yourself.** Regardless of the reasons you are a caregiver for someone, know that your services are valuable. You may not always feel "valued" by the person you are caring for, but you are going above and beyond the normal activities for the day, and doing things you may not care to do. By doing this, you make life a little more comfortable for another and share a spirit of selflessness.
- ❖ **Protect your health.** You probably do whatever you can to see that your loved one has the medical care he or she needs. When was the last time you tended to your own health needs? Routine health maintenance, like dental checkups, PAP tests, cholesterol and blood pressure checks, may seem unimportant for you, but they can prevent larger problems from arising. Protect your health so you can continue to provide for another.
- ❖ **Reach out for help.** Know your limits and let others know. Perhaps you need something as simple as time for a haircut and manicure, a walk in the park, lunch with a friend, or to join a support group. Ask for the help you need to make it happen. Find respite care. Get a ride. When someone asks if they can help, let them know what you need and when. You know your limits and you need to know theirs. But people will feel better giving you a hand, if you let them.

Many activities are scheduled during November in observance of National Family Caregivers Month. Be sure to check out the events listed in this issue.

If you need more information on resources to assist family caregivers, please call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, serving residents of Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, at 703-324-7948, TTY 703-449-1186 or visit the Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa.

Faith Communities in Action



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Government Center Conference Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA
Conference Rooms 2 & 3

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

AGENDA

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
Reverend Douglas Smith, Executive Director

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is a unique statewide interfaith partnership of faith groups (Roman Catholic, Jewish, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Disciples of Christ, Friends, Baptist, Brethren, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, three Jewish federations, two Islamic organizations, and the Virginia Council of Churches), the Virginia Poverty Law Center, Voices for Virginia's Children, CARITAS, and engaged congregations and individuals. The Center's mission is to speak "for and with the vulnerable; and work for a just and compassionate Commonwealth by uniting and empowering faith communities." Reverend Smith will discuss the Center's 2006 public policy initiatives.

Faith Observances on the Calendar – So What?

A number of religious holy days converged this fall including Rosh Hashanah, Navaratri, Ramadan, Birth of B'ab, Birth of Confucius, Yom Kippur, Eid, St. Francis Day, and All Hallows Eve. If these religious observances are not ours, why should we care? Imam Mohamed Magid (ADAMS Center), Rabbi David Kalender (Congregation Olam Tikvah), and Reverend Ronald Christian (Lutheran Housing) will discuss how religious observance days impact the secular world.

Hurricane Katrina: Evacuees in Fairfax County: Update

Faith Communities in Action Executive Committee Elections

Faith Communities in Action Task Force Updates

ALL FAITH COMMUNITIES INVITED TO ATTEND

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division presents ...

Middle Potomac Community Watershed Forum

Longfellow Middle School
2000 Westmoreland Street

Tuesday, November 1, 2005
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend the community forum to provide input on the first draft of the watershed management plan for these five community streams (Turkey Run, Pimmit Run, Scotts Run, Dead Run, and Bull Neck Run). To learn more, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/watersheds or call Kristine Weidner at 703-820-3840.

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

Navigating the Legal and Medicaid Maze of Long-Term Care

Wednesday, November 2, 2005
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Little River Glen Senior Center

For more information or directions, please call 703-503-8703.

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

InterFaith Conference presents ...

26th Annual InterFaith Concert

Washington National Cathedral
Massachusetts & Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC

7:30 p.m.

The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington presents the 26th Annual InterFaith Concert ...The Many Voices of One Nation Under God. The concert is the Tuesday evening program of Meditate DC Week, in honor of the Dalai Lama. The event features musicians, dancers, or chanters representing the Baha'I, Buddhist, Hindu-Jain, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-Day Saints, Protestant, Roman

Catholic, and Sikh faith communities. Admission tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. To order tickets, get more information, or learn about the volunteer opportunities at this event, please email ifc@ifcmw.org or call 202-234-6300.

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board presents ...

After Katrina: Responding to Trauma
Educational Workshop for Evacuees, Caregivers and Employers

Wednesday, November 9, 2005
9 a.m. – 12 noon

6245 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Fairfax Families Care Coalition and the Fairfax County Human Services Coordinating Group is sponsoring an educational workshop on November 9, 2005 at the Fairfax County Regional Human Services office, 6245 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA from 9 a.m. to noon. The purpose of the workshop is to provide support, appropriate information/education and resources to both the victims of Hurricane Katrina who have moved to Fairfax County and to the local service providers working with the evacuees. The workshop is free and open to interested community groups, Fairfax Families Care Coalition members, host families, teachers, school administrators, employers, caregivers and the general public.

The workshop will focus on symptoms/signs of trauma and stress, strategies for coping with grief and loss due to tragedy, disaster or terrorism, and support for caregivers. To register to attend and for directions, please call the CSB training line, 703-934-8753, TTY 711. Please state you are registering for the "After Katrina ~Trauma Workshop, give your name, phone number and affiliation (for example, host family, employer, provider, evacuee, educator, student, other).

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

Elder Care and Work: Finding the Balance

Wednesday, November 9, 2005
12 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Pennino Building
12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor Virginia Room
Fairfax, Virginia

For more information or directions, please call 703-324-5411.

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

Home is No Longer an Option, Now What?

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Groveton Senior Center
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 325
Alexandria, VA

For more information or directions, please call 703-704-6216.

Friday, November 11, 2005

Northern Virginia Respite Care Consortium ...

It Takes a Community ... to Help a Caregiver

Friday, November 11, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads
3440 S. Jefferson St.
Falls Church, VA.

\$25 for a family caregiver/\$35 for a professional caregiver

This is the 19th annual conference, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Respite Care Consortium, with funding from Genesis HealthCare and Sunrise Senior Living. If you are a family member, community health care provider, or other person dealing with a person with Alzheimer's and other dementias, this conference is for you. Cost is \$25 for a family caregiver and \$35 for a professional caregiver. Mail your registration check before November 4 to: Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 402, Fairfax VA 22030. For more information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, at 1-800-272-3900 (toll-free) or visit their Web site at www.alz-nca.org. (The Northern Virginia Respite Care Consortium includes Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area; Alzheimer's Family Day Center; ElderLink, Options for Caregiving; Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, Dept. of Family Services; Fairfax County Health Dept.; Goodwin House/Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads; Loudoun County Adult Day Care Center.)

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium presents ...

Humor for the Caregiver's Soul ... Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Alzheimer's Family Day Care Center
2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210
Fairfax, VA

For more information and directions, call 703-204-4664

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents ...

"The Question of Suffering"
1st of 3 ... Fall 2005 Dialogue Series

November 16, 2005

7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
6362 Lincolnia Road
Alexandria, VA

For Directions: www.sharingpeace.org/directions.html

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents its Fall 2005 Dialogue Series. November 16, 2005 ... How do Islam, Judaism and Christianity answer the question of suffering? November 30, 2005 ... What are the roles of women in our traditions? December 7, 2005 ... How can I build relationships with people of different faiths? Come find out! For more information, please call 703-941-4113.

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

Fairfax Area Agency on Aging presents ...

Give Care, Take Care

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Springfield Golf and Country Club
8301 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA

A Day for Family Caregivers of Older Adults. The third annual event for caregivers of older adults, "Give Care, Take Care," will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Mary Fridley, RN, BSN, will speak on coping skills for caregivers, "When Life Throws You a Curve Ball." A buffet lunch will be served. The cost is \$10, but scholarships are available. Details and a registration form are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa or by calling 703-324-5425, TTY 703-449-1186. The registration deadline is November 21. The program is sponsored by the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging with funding from the National Family Caregiver Support Program. For reasonable ADA accommodations only, please contact Betsy Pugin at 703-324-5401, TTY 703-449-1186.

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents ...

"The Role of Women in Our Traditions
2nd of 3 ... Fall 2005 Dialogue Series

November 30, 2005
7 p.m.

Congregation Olam Tikvah
3800 Glenbrook Road
Fairfax, VA

(Little River Turnpike to Glenbrook Road between Pickett and Prosperity)

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents the second in its Fall 2005 Dialogue Series. "What are the roles of women in our traditions?" Come find out! For more information, please call 703-941-4113.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents ...

"Building Relationships Across Religious Lines"
Fall 2005 Dialogue Series

December 7, 2005
7 p.m.

ADAMS Center
46903 Sugarland Road
Sterling, VA

For Directions: www.adamscenter.org

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents a dialogue on "Building Relationships Across Religious Lines." For more information, please call 703-941-4113.

News, Announcements, & Updates

⌘ Substance Abuse Awareness Week ...

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board celebrates its twenty-fourth annual Substance Abuse Awareness Week (SAAW) beginning November 12. Activities held throughout the week are designed to raise awareness, promote healthy lifestyles, provide education on current trends in the field of addiction and to celebrate recovery from all forms of addiction. This year's theme, *Healing Lives, Families and Communities* recognizes the enormous effects that substance use disorders have on everyone involved and promotes the collective efforts necessary to achieve ongoing recovery and healthier communities. Substance Abuse Awareness Week brings together private and public service providers, advocacy groups, professional organizations, community groups, and individuals through a variety of events. With heightened attention on addiction and recovery, we can tackle problems together and build a healthier community.

Please join us in these special events. Most workshops during this week are free of charge. Certificates of Attendance will be available at all workshops and CEU's will be available for a fee at some workshops. [See conference registration for information and fees.](#)

⌘ New Hope Housing Needs ...

HELP THE HOMELESS WALK, November 19, 9:00 a.m. at the National Mall—come join THOUSANDS of walkers!! To walk in support of New Hope Housing, be sure to put NWHH on your registration form (e-mail Chris with questions about the walk). cbramante@newhopehousing.org

HELP NEEDED NOW – A baby at the shelter needs a larger car seat—she has outgrown her newborn-sized seat; a family in transitional housing needs an air-mattress for the teenage son who sleeps in the living room (air mattress instead of regular mattress so that it can be taken down during the day); a slide projector is needed at Mondloch I; TUTORS are needed to work at the home of a family in transitional housing (family lives in Springfield) Toddler-sized pull-ups (the largest size) are needed for a child in transitional—this is an ONGOING need. CONTACT CHRIS ASAP to help with any of these needs!

HOLIDAYS – There are SO many ways to help our residents this holiday season!! Adopt a family or individual; provide gift certificates; organize a gift drive at your office or school or faith community; help with a gift wrapping fund-raiser; provide food baskets; help with the Christmas Store; provide Thanksgiving Dinner at Max's Place or Mondloch I (meal for 10) – let me know how you would like to be involved!!

⌘ National Donor Sabbath ...

This year the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Transplantation, has designated November 11 - 13, 2005, as National Donor Sabbath weekend. It is a chance to directly dispel a widely held myth that one's religion does not support organ, eye, and tissue donation. Community leaders can play a vital role in this observance by encouraging members of your congregation to learn the facts about donation, make a decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor and discuss their wishes with their families.

Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, the federally-designated organ and tissue recovery agency for the D.C. metro area, is looking for help in making this year's Donor Sabbath even better than last year. Over the years, we have written to more than 1,500 local leaders and many have responded by handing out materials, printing bulletin inserts, and asking for speakers to highlight the fact that donation saves lives every day. Many religious institutions have invited us to health ministry fairs, Sunday school classes, coffee hours, Men's and Women's Fellowships, and other events that are scheduled throughout the year. Materials may be found at WRTC's Web site, www.BeADonor.org, by clicking the Donor Sabbath link at the top of the homepage. Materials may also be ordered by calling 866-Be-A-Donor and asking to speak with our Community Education Specialist.

⌘ Continued support for local Katrina evacuees ...

Local, state, and federal governments continue to help those who need assistance recovering from Hurricane Katrina. There are a number of information resources for both evacuees and the general public that you may find helpful.

Fairfax County is partnering with three local nonprofit organizations, Northern Virginia Family Service, Reston Interfaith, and United Community Ministries, to help coordinate services and community support for those who have relocated here from the Gulf region due to Hurricane Katrina. Feel free to contact any one of these organizations directly and let them know if you are a Katrina evacuee seeking services or if you are a community member wishing to donate goods, money or services:

- Northern Virginia Family Service (central county): Zondra Anderson, 703-219-2108, TTY 711
- Reston Interfaith (north county): Donita Williams (for evacuees seeking services), 571-323-9576, TTY 711; Gail Roberts (for those wishing to donate or volunteer), 571-323-9560, TTY 711
- UCM (south county): Robin Gilmore, 703-768-7106, ext. 325, TTY 711

- For additional information, please visit Fairfax Families Care at www.fxfc.org.
- If you have items of furniture or clothing that you would like to donate to Katrina evacuees, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

⌘ Public Forum: Transportation Barriers for People with Disabilities ...

Fairfax County wants your opinion! The Fairfax County Department of Transportation, the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, the Area Agency on Aging, the Department of Cable Communications & Consumer Protection, the Department of Family Services, the Department of Community and Recreation Services, and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board are soliciting comments from the public about transportation barriers.

Specifically, we are interested in hearing from people with disabilities and senior citizens about the issues that prevent them from using publicly funded transportation services including the Connector, Metro services, MetroAccess, FASTRAN, Medicaid-funded transportation, and taxi services, including Seniors-on-the-Go. We are also interested in listening to any suggestions you may have about how to improve transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities in the county.

Three public forums are scheduled at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, November 1, 2005: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
South County Government Center
8350 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309

Thursday, November 3, 2005: 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Department of Systems Management for Human Services
Region 3 Offices
11484 Washington Plaza West
Reston, VA 20190

Saturday, November 5, 2005: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Northern Virginia Center
7054 Haycock Road
Falls Church, VA 22043

If you wish to share your thoughts at any of these forums, please call Denis Paddeu at 703-324-1439, TTY 703-324-1102 to include your name on the list of speakers. If you would prefer to submit written comments, please send them via e-mail to Denis.Paddeu@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Or via postal mail to: Denis Paddeu
Department of Transportation
12055 Government Center Parkway
Suite 1034, 10th Floor
Fairfax, VA 22035-5511

For more information about this process, please contact Denis Paddeu at 703-324-1439, TTY 703-324-1102 or Steve Yaffe at 703-324-7075, TTY 703-324-7079.

⌘ [Fairfax Partnership for Youth RFP ...](#)

The Fairfax County After-School Network, an initiative of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth, is preparing a Request for Proposals for two areas of the County. Community-based and faith-based organizations will have an opportunity to submit proposals for a series of at least three meetings to bring together other community- and faith-based organizations to raise awareness about the need for community involvement in supporting after-school programs. The goal is to build community capacity for after-school programs and, ultimately, inform parents of the availability of programs and options. For more information, contact Ruth Toxopeus at 703-324-5580 or Ruth.Toxopeus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

⌘ [Local Grant Funding Opportunity ...](#)

The *SkillSource* Group, Inc., on behalf of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, will be seeking to award competitive grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 to small Northern Virginia faith- and community-based organizations (FBCOs) that serve job seekers facing employment barriers. Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC), an affiliate of Goodwill of Greater Washington, was selected by The *SkillSource* Group as an intermediary partner to help build partnerships between faith- and community-based organizations, the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board, and the One-Stop Career Centers. The program, *Employment Access through Partnerships and Community Collaboration*, will fund projects that serve local job seekers facing multiple challenges, including limited English, reading, and math skills, as well as a lack of access to reliable transportation or childcare. Attention will be focused on parts of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties whose residents experience formidable barriers to employment.

A [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) is available at www.myskillsource.org. RFPs must be received no later than 5 p.m. (EST), Monday, November 14, 2005. If you would like a copy of the RFP mailed to you or if you have any questions, please contact Colleen Doyle at 202-857-5992 or cdoyle@worconline.org.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 10/25/2005

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The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

By: Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist

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The grant opportunities this week for community and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

It should be noted that the grants require specialization in health research.

Special note on grants for hurricane relief and emergency services programs

Organizations interested in providing relief and emergency services in the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita should follow the instructions provided on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site at: <http://www.eps.gov/katrina.html>

The Corporation for National and Community Service is also seeking support for community service projects utilizing baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) to provide assistance to the Gulf Coast residents affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Interested applicants should note that there is a cost share of at least two dollars in private funding for every federal dollar awarded. Applications are due November 8, 2005. More information can be found at:

http://www.cns.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=15.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a research grant entitled Epigenetics of Neurobiology and Addiction. The grant will support projects that investigate the role and impact of epigenetics changes (heritable and long-term changes in gene function that occur without a change in the DNA sequence) to neurological changes that occur with addiction. Examples of research areas can be found in the request for applications.

A total of \$2 million will be awarded for seven to nine grants. Letters of intent are due December 23, 2005 and applications are due January 23, 2006. The request for applications is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-06-007.html>.

The Relationship between Hypertension and Inflammation grant will support research on the sequence of events in which the vascular inflammatory state contributes to the development and maintenance of hypertension. Examples of research topics are included in the request for applications.

The amount of individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed research.

Applications are due February 1, 2006. The request for applications can be found at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-035.html>

Accommodations

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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