

RESOLUTION NO. 344

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has been annually receiving \$1,975,000 of vitally needed fiscal assistance through the allocation of federal dollars under the General Revenue Sharing program; and

WHEREAS, these Revenue Sharing dollars are received directly from the federal government with a minimum of federal bureaucratic redtape which enables the City of Alexandria to use its revenue sharing funds to meet the locally determined priority needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alexandria view their locally elected officials as being accountable for the expenditure of revenue sharing dollars, and that such clearly defined accountability has resulted in increased citizen involvement in identifying the priority needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has appropriated \$5,555,592 million dollars of revenue sharing funds that have been received during the past two years as follows:

\$1,031,967--for the development of a health care delivery system for the poor and aged.

1,493,174--for the improvement of recreational opportunities for all citizens of Alexandria to include the acquisition of parkland, the construction of public housing recreation facilities, the restoration of historic buildings, and for recreation program development for the mentally and physically disadvantaged.

1,140,000--for much needed flood control projects.

509,352--for the support of diverse social services programs for the poor and aged.

410,000--for environmental conservation to include a vigorous landscaping of public sites program.

575,000--for community development.

303,499--to improve our fire police and correctional services.

40,000--to improve our financial administration.

25,000--to strengthen our transportation planning process.

27,600--to upgrade the City's library services.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alexandria are being severely affected by the spiraling and unprecedented rate of inflation which is stripping them of their hard-earned income; and

WHEREAS, the current inflationary rate is also undermining the ability of the city to provide essential services to the community within reasonable and acceptable levels of local taxation; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing Program is providing essential fiscal relief to the devastating impact of inflation; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing Program, which began in 1972, will terminate in 1976 unless the 94th Congress, which is being elected this November and will convene in January of 1975, authorizes an extension of the General Revenue Sharing Program; and

WHEREAS, the termination of the General Revenue Sharing Program will place the City of Alexandria in the untenable position of either having to decrease essential community services or substantially raise property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Alexandria, speaking through its elected council and mayor, unanimously endorses the continuation of the General Revenue Sharing program and calls upon the 94th Congress to re-enact the General Revenue Sharing to assure that vitally needed federal assistance will be provided to the City of Alexandria.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the candidates for the U. S. House of Representatives from the 8th District of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is also directed to send a copy of this resolution to the State Senators of Virginia.

Adopted October 22, 1974

Beverly Snedeker, Acting City Clerk