

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



<b>Agenda Date:</b>	April 20, 2020
<b>Action Required:</b>	Approval and Appropriation
<b>Presenter:</b>	Areshini Pather, Commonwealth Attorney's Office
<b>Staff Contacts:</b>	Areshini Pather, Commonwealth Attorney's Office
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant - \$49,336</b>

**Background:**

The Charlottesville/Albemarle Domestic Violence Community Services Coordinator assists in the efficient delivery of services and access to the court process for the victims of domestic violence in both Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Examples include helping in the preparation of domestic violence cases for prosecution and assisting victims in obtaining protective orders. The Coordinator serves as a case manager on behalf of victims in relation to their interactions with community agencies that deliver needed services such as shelter, civil legal assistance, and counseling. No other person in local government fills this specific function on behalf of victims of domestic violence.

**Discussion:**

The City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$38,336 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Charlottesville/Albemarle Domestic Violence Community Services Coordinator in the City's Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. This grant requires that 25% of project funds must be provided by cash or an in-kind match. The City's Commonwealth Attorney's Office will provide a \$5,000 cash match, and an in-kind match of \$4,213. Albemarle County will provide a \$6,000 cash match, and an in-kind match of \$3,000. Graduate student and intern hours will provide an additional \$1,062 in-kind match. The total anticipated cash and in-kind match of \$19,275 is more than sufficient to meet the minimum requirement.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:**

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with Council's vision for Charlottesville to be America's Healthiest City and contributes to their priority to: Provide a comprehensive support system for children.

The program also aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 2: A Healthy and Safe City, Objective 2.2 Meet the safety needs of victims and reduce the risk of re-occurrence/re-victimization and Objective 2.3

Improve community health and safety outcomes by connecting residents with effective resources. The Domestic Violence Coordinator contributes to the health and safety of the community by connecting victims of domestic violence and their children to service providers for emergency shelter, medical and mental health services, housing resources, legal assistance and other services.

**Community Engagement:**

The Charlottesville/Albemarle Domestic Violence Services Coordinator is a direct service provider and is engaged daily with victims of domestic violence and stalking who access services through referrals from police, court services, social services and other allied agencies. The Coordinator works with over 300 individuals yearly and serves on several coordinating councils: the Albemarle/Charlottesville Domestic Violence Council, the Monticello Area Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Blue Print for Safety group. The Coordinator has actively been involved in the implementation of the Lethality Assessment Protocol (L.A.P.) used by Charlottesville, Albemarle and University of Virginia Police Departments.

**Budgetary Impact:**

There is no additional funding required. The grant requires a local match of \$11,000, in which \$6,000 will be provided by Albemarle County and the remaining \$5,000 will be provided through previously appropriated funding in the Commonwealth Attorney's F.Y. 20 General Fund Operating Budget. The funds will be expensed and reimbursed to a Grants Fund.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of grant funds.

**Alternatives:**

In the event that the grant is not funded or that the funds are not appropriated, this position will cease to exist, as there are no other funds to support it.

**APPROPRIATION**

**Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant**

**\$49,336**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Charlottesville, through the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, has received the Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$38,336 in Federal pass-thru funds, Albemarle County is to contribute an additional \$6,000 in local cash match, and the City Commonwealth Attorney’s Office will contribute up to \$5,000 cash match, as needed to meet salary and benefit expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$49,336 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenues**

\$38,336	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 430120
\$ 6,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 432030
\$ 5,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 498010

**Expenditures**

\$49,336	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 519999
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**Transfer**

\$ 5,000	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 1401001000	G/L Account: 561209
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$38,336 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and \$6,000 from the County of Albemarle, Virginia.