CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	July 20, 2020		
Action Required:	Approval and Appropriation		
Presenter:	Kaki Dimock, Director, Human Services		
Staff Contacts:	Kaki Dimock, Director, Human Services		
Title:	Virginia Housing Solutions Program Supplemental COVID-19 Grant Award (\$243,276)		

Background:

The Department of Human Services in coordination with the Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless (T.J.A.C.H.) and the Service Provider Council (S.P.C.), applied for and received a grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. A supplemental award of \$243,276 for emergency shelter operation expenses related to COVID-19 global pandemic has been provided.

Discussion:

The City of Charlottesville has staff from Human Services and Social Services taking a leadership role in the governance of T.J.A.C.H. V. H. S P. is an important resource in our community's efforts to end homelessness. The grant provides services in several points along the local continuum of services including coordinated assessment, emergency low barrier shelter, rapid re-housing and housing navigation, case management, and coalition coordination.

This supplemental award must be used for costs associated with emergency shelter operations including case management and supportive services, maintenance, rent, supplies, utilities, transportation and administrative costs, capped at 5%.

Community Engagement:

The original grant and plan are the product of extensive engagement of the service provider community for persons experiencing homelessness. This partnership is reflective of the city's recommended governance model for T.J.A.C.H. and the priority requests of the Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together (IMPACT).

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

This grant advances the City of Charlottesville's Strategic Plan Goal #1 of an inclusive community of self-sufficient residents. Specifically, it will facilitate the objective of increasing affordable housing options.

Budgetary Impact:

This grant will be entirely State, and Federal pass-through funds. No local match is required. There is no budget impact for the City of Charlottesville. All funds will be distributed to subrecipients for service provision.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives:

Council may elect to not accept the funds and the community will not have the capacity to administer the following services to persons experiencing a housing crisis during this global pandemic.

Attachments:

Supplemental amendment and appropriation are attached.

APPROPRIATION V. H. S. P. Grant \$34,457

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Department of Human Services, has received the V. H. S. P. Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$243,276.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$243,276 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues \$243,276	Fund: 209	IO: 1900352	G/L: 430127 State COVID
Expenditures \$243,276	Fund: 209	IO: 1900352	G/L: 530550 Contracted Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$243,276 in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.