CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: November 2, 2020

Action Requested: Appropriation

Presenter: Kaki Dimock, Director, Department of Human Services

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Title: Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant - \$209,444

Background:

In FY2020 the Human Services Department, in partnership with ReadyKids, applied for and received a 3 year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families in the amount of \$200,000 in federal funds and \$22,222 in local matching funds. In FY2021, the first year of the grant, the local match will be met with a transfer of \$9,444 from the Human Services Department for a total appropriation of \$209,444. An in-kind match of \$12,778 from ReadyKids, to provide Runaway Emergency Shelter Program (R.E.S.P.) services, will be applied to the grant as well.

Discussion:

The funds support services that provide emergency shelter, counseling and after care services for youth in crisis for the purpose of keeping them safe and off the streets, with a goal of reunification with family. Funded services will include: emergency shelter available 24 hours per day, 7days a week; individual and family counseling to help resolve conflict and develop new communication skills to facilitate reunification with the family; and additional support services that help youth build meaningful connections with their community and encourage positive youth development. This collaborative initiative anticipates serving 36 youth through the shelter program, 360 youth through the counseling program, and 525 youth through the hotline over the course of the three year grant period.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

The Runaway Emergency Services Program grant aligns with the City of Charlottesville's Strategic Plan – Goal 2: A Healthy and Safe City; Objective 2.3: Improve community health and safety outcomes by connecting residents with effective resources.

Community Engagement:

In order to increase prevention services, R.E.S.P. staff conduct extensive outreach efforts, particularly in area schools reaching out to youth through a variety of activities including presentations to health classes and at tables during lunch.

Budgetary Impact:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The grant will be appropriated and expensed from the grants fund. There is a local match of \$22,222, that the Human Service's Department will provide in cash (\$9,444) and that ReadyKids will provide as an in-kind match (\$12,778). The cash match of \$9,444 will come from funding that was previously appropriated as part of the FY21 Human Services budget.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives:

If the funds are not appropriated, the grant would not be received and the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program services would not be provided.

Attachments:

Appropriation

APPROPRIATION Runaway Emergency Shelter Program \$209,444

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$200,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families with cash match of \$9,444 provided by the Human Services Fund and in-kind match of \$12,778 provided by ReadyKids;

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to operate the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program through a partnership between the Human Services Department and ReadyKids. The grant award covers the period from September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$209,444 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$209,444			
\$200,000	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900391	G/L Account: 431110
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Expenditures - \$209,444			
\$ 69,948	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900391	G/L Account: 519999
\$125,000	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900391	G/L Account: 530010
\$ 14,496	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900391	G/L Account: 599999
Transfer - \$9,444			
\$ 9,444	Fund: 213	Cost Center: 3413003000	G/L Account: 561211

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$200,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.