CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	December 21, 2020		
Action Required:	Approve Appropriation		
Presenter:	Diane Kuknyo, Director, Department of Social Services		
Staff Contacts:	Mary Jane Skidmore Chief of Benefit Programs, Department of Social Services Laura Morris, Chief of Administration, Department of Social Services		
Title:	Virginia Department of Social Services One-Time Funding for Benefits Programs - \$16,877.19		

Background:

The Virginia Department of Social Services has allocated one-time funding to local departments of social services to assist with processing benefit program applications and renewals due to renewal extensions that were granted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received \$16,877.19 from this additional funding.

Discussion:

Funding use is limited to overtime/extra work related to processing applications and renewals for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid.

As of November 1st, the Charlottesville Department of Social Services has 1,745 SNAP renewals due from August 2020 to December 31, 2020. 1,143 Medicaid renewals were due between January 2020 and December 2020 with 657 overdue due to the public health emergency mandate to keep cases open unless the client moves out of state, requests closure, or dies.

Alignment with Council Vision and Strategic Plan:

Approval of this agenda item aligns with the City's vision to be a healthy and safe city and an inclusive community of self-sufficient residents. This request also ties to **Objective 1.4**: Enhance the financial health of residents and **Objective 2.3**: Improve community health and safety outcomes by connecting residents with effective resources.

Community Engagement:

Department staff work directly with citizens to provide social services, protect vulnerable children and adults, and promote self-sufficiency.

Budgetary Impact:

Funds have been received and will be appropriated into the Social Services Fund. There are no general funds required or being requested.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval and appropriation of these funds.

Alternatives:

Funds that are not appropriated will need to be returned to the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Attachments:

N/A

APPROPRIATION Virginia Department of Social Services One-Time Funding for Benefits Programs \$16,877.19

WHEREAS, The Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received Federal and State funding in the amount of \$16,877.19 to be used for benefits programs staffing and operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of

Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$16,877.19 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

<u>Revenue – \$16,877.19</u>

Fund:	212	Cost Center:	990000000	G/L Account: 430080		
<u>Expenditures - \$16,877.19</u>						
Fund:	212	Cost Center:	3301005000	G/L Account: 510030		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$16,877.19 from the Virginia Department of Social Services.