

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 3, 2021
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Riaan Anthony, Park and Recreation Management Specialist
Staff Contacts:	Riaan Anthony, Park and Recreation Management Specialist II Vic Garber, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
Title:	<b>Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program Child and Adult Care Food Program - \$25,000</b>

**Background:**

In November 2020 City Council appropriated \$30,000 to provide free dinners to children 18 and under attending our drop-in afterschool programs through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Due to increased demand, the expenditures incurred by the Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Department has reached the original appropriation amount of \$30,000. Parks and Recreation is requesting to increase the appropriation by an extra \$25,000 to cover the projected expenses for the four months remaining until the program ends. All expenses incurred for this program are reimbursed by the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program.

**Discussion:**

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation has been operating an afterschool meals program for the last 30 weeks during the regular school year. There are currently five locations, Friendship Court, Greenstone on 5th, South First Street, and Westhaven Community Centers, and the Boys and Girls Club. The reimbursement received from the State covers the cost of a nutritious dinner at these locations. Staff made an initial estimate of the expenses for this program of \$30,000, not knowing for certain the number of kids that would participate in the program during COVID -19. The City has seen the demand for this program exceed the levels from previous years. The staff is very pleased the program has reached so many children during this difficult time. As of March 2021, the Parks and Recreation department has served 8,553 meals, which is the most we have ever provided under the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

**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 it contributes to Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan - Healthy and Safe

City. Children will receive a nutritious dinner, hopefully replacing a meal that did not exist or providing a healthier balanced option for them.

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Budgetary Impact:**

There is no impact to the General Fund. The funds will be appropriated, expensed and reimbursed to a Grants Fund. There is no required local match for this program.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds,

**Alternatives:**

If money is not appropriated, the free dinner program will not be offered to youth, most of whom receive free or reduced meals during the school year.

**Attachments:**

Appropriation

**APPROPRIATION**

**Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program  
Child and Adult Care Food Program  
\$25,000**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received approval for reimbursement up to \$25,000 from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program to provide free dinner to children attending select drop-in afterschool centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award covers the period from period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$30,000, received from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenue – \$25,000**

Fund: 209                      Internal Order: 1900381                      G/L Account: 430120

**Expenditures - \$25,000**

Fund: 209                      Internal Order: 1900381                      G/L Account: 530670

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$25,000 from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program.