

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



Agenda Date:	December 6, 2021
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Maribel Street, Emergency Management Coordinator
Staff Contacts:	Symia Tabron, Accountant
Title:	Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$7,500

Background:

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has allocated \$7,500 in 2020 Emergency Management Performance Management Grant (LEMPG) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the City of Charlottesville. The locality share is \$7,500, for a total project of \$15,000.

Discussion:

The City of Charlottesville is the grant administrator for this grant, which will be passed to the Office of Emergency Management at the Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle County Emergency Communications Center. The grant award period is July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The objective of the LEMPG is to support local efforts to develop and maintain a Comprehensive Emergency Management Program. The 2020 LEMPG funds will be used by the Office of Emergency Management to enhance local capabilities in the areas of planning, training and exercises, and capabilities building for emergency personnel and the whole community.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

This emergency management program supports City Council's America's Healthiest City vision, specifically, "Our emergency response system is among the nation's best," as well as Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, specifically sub-elements 2.1 (Provide an effective and equitable public safety system) and 2.4 (Ensure families and individuals are safe and stable). Maintaining our response and recovery capability is an on-going process that requires regular planning discussions and well as training and exercising with community response partners. Citizen preparedness, including awareness of local hazards and actions they can take to survive and recover from an emergency is a critical part of the local response system.

Community Engagement:

The LEMPG engages the community through public outreach efforts led by the Office of Emergency Management. Increasing citizen awareness of hazards and promoting steps individuals can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency situations is a critical priority for the Office of Emergency Management. Community outreach efforts include presenting on preparedness to community groups and designing and implementing targeted messaging through various media. This funding allows the Assistant Emergency Manager to dedicate additional time in support of this mission.

Budgetary Impact:

This has no impact on the General Fund. The funds will be expended and reimbursed to a Grants fund. The locality match of \$7,500 will be covered with an in-kind match from the Office of Emergency Management budget.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives:

If grants funds are not appropriated, the Office of Emergency Management will not be able to completely fund the full-time salary for the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. A reduction in time for this position will negatively impact the quantity and quality of public outreach on emergency preparedness to community members.

Attachments:

Appropriation Resolution

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS for
2020 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG)
\$7,500**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has received funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the amount of \$7,500 in federal pass through funds and \$7,500 in local in-kind match, provided by the Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Emergency Communications Center Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to support programs provided by the Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$7,500 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$7,500

\$7,500 Fund: 209 I/O: 1900434 G/L: 430120 State/Fed pass thru

Expenditures - \$7,500

\$7,500 Fund: 209 I/O: 1900434 G/L: 599999 Salaries

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$7,500 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and the matching in-kind funds from the Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Emergency Communications Center Office of Emergency Management.