CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: December 20th, 2021

Action Required: Approval and Appropriation

Presenter: Misty Graves, Interim Director, Human Services

Staff Contacts: Misty Graves, Interim Director, Human Services

Title: COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program

(C.H.E.R.P.) – Community Development Block Grant Amendment

(\$680,263)

Background:

A C.O.V.I.D. Homelessness Emergency Response Program amended grant of \$680,263 has been awarded to support non-congregate emergency shelter operations and administrative expenses from July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. The Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless plans, designs and coordinates the local homelessness continuum of care and is the provider of record for data collection.

Discussion:

The City of Charlottesville has staff from the departments of Human Services and Social Services taking leadership roles in the governance of T.J.A.C.H. This grant supports the additional costs associated with maintaining the required data associated with the C.O.V.I.D. global pandemic.

Community Engagement:

This grant and plan are the product of extensive engagement of the service provider community for persons experiencing homelessness. This partnership is reflective of the new 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 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 sub-recipients 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:. Emergemcy low-barrier shelter, coordinated assessment, rapid rehousing, H.M.I.S., coalition coordination and administration.

Attachments:

Appropriation

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING funds for COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program (C.H.E.R.P.) Community Development Block Grant - \$680,263

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Department of Human Services, has received the C.H.E.R.P. Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$680,263.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$680,263 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$680,263 Fund: 209 IO: 1900448 G/L: 430120 Federal Pass Thru

Expenditures

\$680,263 Fund: 209 IO: 1900448 G/L: 530550 Contracted Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of **\$680,263** in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.