CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: August 1, 2022

Action Required: Approval and Appropriation

Presenter: Misty Graves, Director

Staff Contacts: Misty Graves, Director

Title: COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program-Community

Development Block Grant Amendment - \$250,816 (2nd reading)

Background

A C.O.V.I.D. Homelessness Emergency Response Program amended grant of \$200,000 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.

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.

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).

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.

<u>Alternatives</u>

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: Emergency low-barrier shelter, coordinated assessment, rapid rehousing, H.M.I.S., coalition coordination and administration.

Attachments

1. Resolution_COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program-Community Development Block Grant Amendment (\$250,816)