CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: September 6, 2022

Action Required: Vote on whether or not to adopt the proposed resolution in support of ACRJ

seeking State support for 25% reimbursement of total eligible costs for the

planned ACRJ renovation project.

Presenter: Colonel Martin Kumer - ACRJ Superintendent

Staff Contacts: Michael Rogers, City Manager

Ashley Marshall, Deputy City Manager

Title: Endorsing the application of the Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail

Authority for a Community Based Corrections Plan Needs Assessment

and Planning Study (1 reading)

Background

At its meeting in March 2022, the Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail Authority (ACRJA) Board approved a resolution seeking a State funding commitment of 25% of eligible costs for planned facility renovation work. A copy of this resolution is included as Attachment A. The approved ACRJA resolution satisfies State requirements for seeking such support. In May, Martin Kumer, Superintendent, ACRJA Board Chair Supervisor Diantha McKeel, and other project representatives presented the resolution to the Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ) on behalf of the ACRJA, the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and Nelson County. The BLRJ was expected to consider and act on the request at its scheduled July meeting but did not do so due to lack of a quorum. It is now expected that the BLRJ will consider and act on the matter at its next meeting in September.

Discussion

Virginia Code requires a formal request from either the regional jail authority board or member jurisdictions. While the ACRJ has already approved and submitted a formal resolution requesting State support, resolutions from the member jurisdictions are not required. However, such resolutions are being sought from the three-member jurisdictions at this time to strengthen the position of the ACRJA as it seeks official action from the BLRJ in September 2022.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

The resolution proposed is seeking State support for 25% reimbursement of the total eligible costs for the planned ACRJ renovation project. If secured, the State support would significantly reduce the overall financial burden to the three-member jurisdictions, including the City of Charlottesville's proportionate share of local project costs.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the resolution to strengthen the regional facilities' opportunities to seek State funding.

Suggested motion: "I move the RESOLUTION endorsing the application of the Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail Authority for a Community Based Corrections Plan Needs Assessment"

Alternatives

The Council could reject the resolution and not provide its explicit support for the State reimbursement request.

Attachments

- 1. ACRJ Resolution
- 2. August 2022_ACRJ Board Approved and Signed State Reimbursment Resolution
- 3. RenovationTimeline