

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	October 17, 2022
Action Required:	Approval of Appropriation Resolution
Presenter:	Mike Rogers, Deputy Chief of Business Services
Staff Contacts:	Mike Rogers, Deputy Chief of Business Services
Title:	Appropriating Fiscal Year 2023 Fire Programs Aid to Locality (Firefund) - \$186,776.00 (2nd reading)

Background

Section **38.2-401** of the Code of Virginia authorizes the State Corporation Commission to annually levy against all licensed insurance companies doing business in Virginia an assessment in the amount of one percent of fire-related insurance premiums received by the companies. About seventy-five percent of this money goes directly to localities as Aid to Localities, paid from the Commonwealth's special, nonreverting fund known as the "Fire Programs Fund" (Firefund). The aid-to-locality monies distributed to localities by allocations based on population. These monies can be used for fire service based training, training supplies, training equipment, prevention activities, some response equipment, and other purposes listed in Va. Code 38.2-401(B). This is an annual allotment of funding. All usage and any carryovers are reported out to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs at the end of the fiscal year, before the next fiscal year monies will be allocated. The City of Charlottesville has been awarded the amount of \$186,776.00 as its Fire Programs Fund allocation for FY 2023.

Discussion

The Aid to Locality monies are distributed annually to aid departments in their training, prevention, and equipment efforts. While the monies cannot be used to directly/indirectly supplant or replace other locality funds, they help us to provide for additional firefighting training resources, logistics, courses, and equipment as outlined in the Department of Fire Programs Aid to Locality allowable uses chart.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Aid to Locality/Firefund allocation supports the City's mission "We provide services that promote equity and an excellent quality of life in our community" by providing supplemental training and equipment funding for fire prevention, firefighting, hazardous materials, and technical rescue. With this additional funding being put towards these purposes, we are better able to prepare our responders to deliver emergency services and/or information to the citizens, students, business community members, and guests of the City.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact on the General Fund, as these funds are in the nature of state aid, and do not require a City match. The FY 2023 funds will be budgeted for expenditure within the City's Fire Department .

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of the FY23 allocation of funding from the state's Fire Programs Fund.

Suggested motion: "I move the RESOLUTION appropriating the amount of \$186,776.00 received from the Virginia Fire Programs Fund for expenditure within Fiscal Year 2023"

Alternatives

If Aid to Locality funding is not appropriated, the Fire Department will not be able to utilize this supplemental funding to help support its training, prevention, and equipment efforts.

Attachments

1. Firefund FY 2023 Resolution Attachment