

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	November 21, 2022
Action Required:	Approval and Appropriation
Presenter:	Chris Carr, Management Specialist II
Staff Contacts:	Chris Carr, Management Specialist II Dana Kasler, Director of Parks and Recreation
Title:	Approving and appropriating grant funds for Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program - Child and Adult Care Food Program - \$50,000 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received approval for a reimbursement of up to \$50,000 from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program to provide free dinner to children 18 and under attending our drop-in afterschool programs through their Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Discussion

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation will operate an afterschool meals program for 36 weeks, during the regular school year. There are currently 4 locations, Friendship Court, Greenstone on 5th, South First Street, and Westhaven Community Centers that serve children 18 years and under. The reimbursement will cover the costs of a nutritious dinner at these locations, which also have an educational/enrichment component. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30 pm at the various community centers. Most of the children served receive free or reduced meals during the school year. Over 400 children will be served each week during the school year. The dinners are purchased through the City of Charlottesville School Food Service. The Parks and Recreation Department pays the bills to the City of Charlottesville Food Service and is then reimbursed by the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Programs.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with Council's vision for Charlottesville to be America's Healthiest City and it contributes to Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan - Healthy and Safe City. Children will receive a nutritious dinner, hopefully replacing a meal that did not exist or providing a healthier balanced option for them.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. The funds will be appropriated, expensed, and reimbursed to a Grants Fund. There is no required local match for this program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds,

Alternatives

If money is not appropriated, the free dinner program will not be offered to youth, most of whom receive free or reduced meals during the school year.

Attachments

1. Resolution_VA Department of Education After School Meals Program Appropriation