

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 15, 2023
Action Required:	Approve Resolution
Presenter:	Sue Moffett, Director of Social Services
Staff Contacts:	Laura Morris, Chief of Administration
Title:	Appropriating Additional Funding Received from the Virginia Department of Social Services for Various Programs - \$56,634 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Virginia Department of Social Services has provided additional funding to localities in fiscal year 2023 to use for their Adult Services, Independent Living, and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency. The Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received \$56,634 from this additional funding.

Discussion

The Virginia Department of Social Services has provided funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to enhance and improve Adult Services programs provided by local agencies. The funding can be used to expand the ability of Adult Services Staff to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The Pandemic Act of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 provides additional funding and programming flexibilities to address the critical financial needs of youth/young adults who are or were formerly in foster care during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding may be used to provide services and assistance to any otherwise eligible youth or young adult who experienced foster care at age 14 or older and has not yet attained age 27.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 also provides additional funding for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Program in response to COVID-19. This funding can be used to meet the needs of children and families in the community.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns with the City's mission to provide services that promote equity and an excellent quality of life in our community. It is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal 2: A Healthy and Safe City and Objective 2.2, Meet the safety needs of victims and reduce the risk of re-occurrence/re-victimization and Object 2.3, Improve community health and safety outcomes by connecting residents with effective resources.

Community Engagement

Family Services Staff work directly with eligible clients and families to match them with needed resources and services.

Budgetary Impact

The Virginia Department of Social Services is providing the additional funding. No local general funds are being requested.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of these funds.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the Resolution Appropriating the Additional Funding Received from the Virginia Department of Social Services for the Adult Services, Independent Living, and PSSF Programs in the amount of \$56,634

Alternatives

Funds that are not appropriated will need to be returned to the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Attachments

1. Resolution Appropriating Additional ARPA and COVID Funding for FY2023