

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	March 1, 2021
Action Required:	Approve appropriation
Presenter:	Sue Moffett, Assistant Director of Social Services
Staff Contacts:	Jenny Jones, Chief of Family Services Laura Morris, Chief of Administration
Title:	Additional State Funding for Adoption Assistance - \$600,000

Background:

The Charlottesville Department of Social Services (CDSS) has received \$600,000 in additional funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services to provide assistance to adoptive families.

Discussion:

The purpose of adoption assistance is to facilitate adoptive placements and ensure permanency for children. Maintenance payments provide support and services for the child and to strengthen the adoptive family.

The department has seen a steady increase in adoptive placements. In Fiscal year 2019, the department served 149 adoptive children and finalized 37 adoptions. In FY2020, the department served 176 children and finalized 32 adoptions. 167 adoptive children have received assistance in FY21 through February 12th.

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, Objective 2.2, Meet the safety needs of victims and reduce the risk of re-occurrence/re-victimization.

Community Engagement:

Adoption staff work directly with families and providers to provide needed services and serve as resources to other department staff and community partners.

Budgetary Impact:

No additional City funds are required or being requested for this program in FY 2021. The additional funding for this program is entirely State dollars and does not require a local match.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of these funds.

Alternatives:

If the appropriation is not approved, CDSS will require general funds to cover the May and June maintenance payments to adoptive families. These payments are negotiated as part of the adoption agreement and are legally binding.

Attachments:

Appropriation

APPROPRATION
Additional Funding for Adoption Assistance
\$600,000

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received \$600,000 from the Virginia Department of Social Services to provide assistance to adoptive families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$600,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue-\$600,000

Fund 212 Cost Center: 9900000000 G/L Account: 430080 \$600,000

Expenditures-\$600,000

Fund 212 Cost Center: 3311007000 G/L Account: 540060 \$600,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$600,000 from the Virginia Department of Social Services.