

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	July 20, 2020
Action Required:	Approval and Appropriation
Presenter:	Kaki Dimock, Director, Human Services
Staff Contacts:	Kaki Dimock, Director, Human Services
Title:	Open Society Foundation Emma Lazarus Campaign on Cities Grant Appropriation (\$250,000)

Background:

The Department of Human Services in coordination with Albemarle County Office of Equity and Inclusion has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Emma Lazarus Campaign on Cities, a project of the Open Society Foundation, to provide emergency financial assistance to community members of Charlottesville and Albemarle County that are ineligible for federal stimulus relief from June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Discussion:

Based on requirements of the grant award, direct financial assistance, in the form of prepaid cards, will be provided to members of the Charlottesville and Albemarle community that identify as undocumented, immigrant, migrant or domestic workers. Priority will be determined by the following criteria:

- severe economic risk
- households with children under 18 years of age
- medical vulnerability

Screening for eligibility and distribution of direct financial assistance will be provided by community partners with pre-existing trusting relationships with this population. Data will be collected in the aggregate only, ensuring that no personal information is shared with city or county staff managing implementation.

These funds will be matched by \$50,000 in Department of Human Services funds that were previously appropriated.

Community Engagement:

City and county staff have met regularly with service providers focusing on improving the well-being of undocumented, immigrant, migrant and domestic workers to ensure that implementation could be achieved in partnership. Decisions around data collection, screening criteria, and government engagement were informed by community service providers with direct knowledge of the needs, conditions, and fears of the targeted population.

Alignment with City Council’s Vision and Strategic Plan:

This grant advances the City of Charlottesville’s Strategic Plan Goal #1 of an inclusive community of self-sufficient residents. .

Budgetary Impact:

This grant will be private foundation funds. Local match was appropriated from the Department of Human Services Fund Balance on May 18, 2020. There is no budget impact for the City of Charlottesville. All funds will be distributed to sub-recipients for service provision.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives:

Council may elect to not accept the funds and the community will not have the capacity to provide emergency financial relief to community members ineligible for the federal stimulus relief.

Attachments:

Supplemental amendment and appropriation are attached.

APPROPRIATION
O.S.F. Emma Lazarus Campaign on Cities Grant Award (\$250,000)

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Department of Human Services, has received the Emma Lazarus Campaign on Cities grant award from the Open Society Foundation in the amount of \$250,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues			
\$250,000	Fund: 210	IO: 1900359	G/L: 451022 Other Grant Funding

Expenditures			
\$250,000	Fund: 210	IO: 1900359	G/L: 530550 Contracted Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$250,000 in funds from the Open Society Foundation Emma Lazarus Campaign on Cities.