

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 Adoption Assistance - \$450,000 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Charlottesville Department of Social Services (CDSS) has received \$450,000 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 2021, the department served 183 adoptive children. In FY2021, the department served 194 children. 181 adoptive children have received assistance in FY23 through April 26th..

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

All funding is being provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services. No local, general funds are required.

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

1. Resolution Appropriating Additional Adoption Assistance Funding for FY2023