



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate the 2019 Virginia Rules Camp Grant Awarded by the Office of the Attorney General to the City of Hampton, VA to Facilitate a Youth Camp Program to be held in August 2019

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Commonwealth of Virginia's Office of the Attorney General's Virginia Rules Camp (VRC) Grant provides one-time reimbursement of funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the Hampton Police Division (HPD) to host a one week youth summer camp during August 2019. The camp will provide participants with a basic understanding of state statutes while interacting with law enforcement officers in a mentorship capacity.

Discussion:

The VRC is proven to educate young people regarding Virginia's laws, help them develop the necessary skills to make sound decisions, and recognize the consequences of their actions. The VRC also allows the youth participants to interact with law enforcement officers and form community bonds while enjoying the great outdoors and typical camp experiences. There is no cost to participants, ranging from middle to high school-aged youth, and allows local at-risk youth to form meaningful, positive relationships between themselves, the community, and law enforcement mentors.

The opportunity to host a fourth VRC in August 2019 will allow the Police Division to continue its Community Policing philosophy and further develop meaningful relationships with youth-aged members of the community and those most at-risk for delinquency. Further, it will create a positive learning environment for the development of good decision-making skills for the participants.

Impact:

The Office of the Attorney General's Virginia Rules Camp program funding is in the form of a reimbursement grant. The grant award in the amount of \$5,000 and covers the cost of hosting the camp for the participants in order to pass on zero financial burden to participants and their families. Costs incurred include things such as school supplies, guest speaker(s), transportation, giveaways and camp activities and supplies. There is no local match required and, as such, no fiscal impact to the City's budget.

Recommendation:

Approve said appropriation.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General has awarded \$5,000 in grant funds to facilitate a youth camp program to be held in the City of Hampton, Virginia and staffed by Hampton Police Division personnel; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period of time that the camp will be held from June 1, 2019 through September 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its fiscal year 2020 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the Virginia Rules Camp Grant in the amount of \$5,000, and any related supplemental funding, from the Office of the Attorney General to the operating budget of the Police Division for use in accordance with the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, VA authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement this grant award.