



## Legislation Text

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Resolution to Accept and Appropriate the 2018 Foster Grandparent Program Grant through the Corporation for National and Community Service

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of this resolution is to accept and appropriate Federal grant funds and contributions to permit continuation of the Foster Grandparent Program through the Corporation for National and Community Service.

**Discussion:**

The Hampton Department of Social Services was awarded the first Corporation for National and Community Services ("CNCS") grant in 1972, and has since been received in each subsequent year. (See Hampton City Council File No. 16-0204; Resolution adopted June 8, 2016).

CNCS is an independent, federal grant-making government agency whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. For almost 20 years, CNCS - through its programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Volunteer Generation Fund ("VGF"), and Social Innovation Fund ("SIF") - has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action. CNCS provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations, and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering.

The Senior Corps incorporates the longstanding Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program. Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. Their personal attention helps our young people mature, gain confidence, and become full and productive members of society. The Foster Grandparent Program on the Peninsula has served the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg, and the counties of York and James City since 1972.

Continuation of the Peninsula Foster Grandparent Program will ensure that 105 foster grandparents will be available to provide services to children that build positive relationships across generations. They serve in community organizations such as schools (supporting approximately 600 teachers), faith-based child-care centers, and Head Start programs.

The grant encompasses three (3) funding sources, including (1) an award of federal funds from CNCS in the amount of \$345,222, (2) a contribution from the City of Newport News in the amount of \$20,000, and (3) a City of Hampton contribution of \$69,770 to be funded through a specific appropriation of the general "Grant Matching Funds" account approved as part of the FY18 Council Approved Budget.

**Impact:**

Federal funds in the amount of \$345,222; Hampton local match of \$69,770; Newport News contribution of \$20,000 (Total: \$434,992).

**Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation for National and Community Service has awarded a 2017-2018 (Continuation) Foster Grandparent Program Grant (the "Grant") in the amount of \$345,222;

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Foster Grandparent Program Grant is year 1 of a multi-year non-compete grant 3 year cycle;

**WHEREAS**, the Foster Grandparent Program (the "Program") will provide limited income and other benefits to qualified senior citizens on the Peninsula with the opportunities to volunteer to serve and mentor children;

**WHEREAS**, the Foster Grandparent Program Grant requires local matching funds to be provided by the Cities of Hampton and Newport News; and

**WHEREAS**, the specified use of those grant funds are in keeping with the goals and responsibilities of the City of Hampton and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia:

1. accepts (a) grant funds in the amount of \$345,222 from the Corporation for National and Community Service; (b) \$20,000 from the City of Newport News; and (c) the obligation to contribute \$69,770 from the City of Hampton's funds;
2. appropriates the combined total of \$434,992 for use by the Peninsula Foster Grant Program;
3. accepts and appropriates any supplemental grant awards made from the Corporation for National and Community Service in accordance with the grant agreement;
4. accepts and appropriates any donations designated for the purposes of the Grant; and
5. accepts and appropriates any local reserve funds designated for the purposes of the Grant by the Foster Grandparents Advisory Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the City Manager or her designee to take the necessary actions to implement this grant award.