



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the Fiscal Year 2021 Behavioral Health Court Docket Grant awarded by the Supreme Court of Virginia

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Behavioral Health Court Docket Grant provides funding for one (1) full-time Behavioral Health Peer Specialist position within the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (CSB). This position will provide frequent, ongoing, accessible, and flexible support to participants in Hampton's General District Court Behavioral Health Docket (HBHD). The position will complement and enhance the HBHD by providing the emotional, social, and practical support necessary for HBHD participants to remain successful.

Discussion:

The new Behavioral Health Peer Specialist position will enhance the mission of the HBHD by providing various forms of support to participants. Peer Specialists are an integral part of helping participants cope with social or emotional barriers and stay motivated to reach their goals. Without this position, it may be difficult for HBHD to bridge the gap between providing a positive support system and perceived misunderstanding that is oftentimes felt by individuals with serious mental health diagnoses.

Impact:

The City of Hampton has been awarded \$35,000 in State funds from the Supreme Court of Virginia. Grant proceeds will be used to fund the salary and fringe benefits costs for one (1) full-time Behavioral Health Peer Specialist position. The position will be housed within the Hampton-Newport News CSB who will be responsible for all supervisory measures including timekeeping, the provision of office space and other needed supplies as well as the reporting requirements; No City match is required.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Virginia has awarded the City of Hampton a Fiscal Year 2021 Behavioral Health Court Docket Grant in the amount of \$35,000 in State funds;

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a City match;

WHEREAS, the grant proceeds will be used by the Hampton-Newport News CSB to fund the salary and fringe benefit costs of one (1) full-time Behavioral Health Peer Specialist position that will be housed within the Hampton-Newport News CSB. The Hampton-Newport News CSB will be responsible for all supervisory measures including timekeeping, the provision of office space and other needed supplies as well as the reporting requirements;

WHEREAS, the grant proceeds will be dedicated to helping participants achieve their goals through a variety of support mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, the grant award is for the period of September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the Fiscal Year 2021 Behavioral Health Court Docket Grant award in the amount of \$35,000, and any supplemental funding, awarded by the Supreme Court of Virginia to the Grant Fund in accordance with the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take any and all actions necessary to implement this grant award.