



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the FY21 Fire Programs Aid to Localities Funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Fire Programs

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Fire Programs Fund is derived from one percent of fire-related insurance coverage. Approximately 75 percent of the total fund goes directly to counties, cities and incorporated towns within the Commonwealth as Aid to Localities ("ATL") funds. ATL funds provide those Virginia cities, towns and counties with funds to pay for training, construction of training centers, firefighting equipment, protective clothing and other approved purchases. Allocations are population based. ATL funds must be used solely for the purpose of training volunteer or career firefighting personnel; funding fire prevention and public safety education programs; constructing, improving and expanding regional or local fire service training facilities; purchasing emergency medical care and equipment for fire personnel; payment of personnel costs related to fire and medical training for fire personnel; or, for purchasing personal protective equipment, vehicles, equipment and supplies for use in the receiving locality specifically for fire service purposes. The City must report to the Commonwealth annually on the use of funds allocated for the previous year and provide a completed Fire Programs Fund Disbursement Agreement form.

The Fire Programs Aid to Localities ("ATL") Funds is not a grant and require no local match. The funds are not required to be used within an allotted time period and may roll over from year to year if necessary. These funds help the Division of Fire & Rescue to serve all citizens of and visitors to the City of Hampton.

Discussion:

The allocation of funds will help support the needs of the Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue.

Impact:

The allocation is for \$523,770 and there is no match required. The funds will be appropriated to the Grant Fund for accounting and reporting purposes.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Fire Programs has allocated to the City of Hampton, Virginia (the "City") the FY21 Fire Programs Aid to Localities ("ATL") Funds in the amount of \$523,770 in state funding;

WHEREAS, the Fire Programs Aid to Localities ("ATL") Funds allocation require no local match;

WHEREAS, the Fire Programs Aid to Localities ("ATL") Funds, which total \$523,770, will be used by the Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue to support its needs; and

WHEREAS, there is no allotted time period for use.

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 FY21 Fire Programs Aid to Localities ("ATL") Funds in the amount of \$523,770, and any supplemental funding, awarded by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Fire Programs to the Grant Fund for the purpose of supporting the needs of the Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue in accordance with the disbursement 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 the allocation of funds.