



Legislation Text

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Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Acceptance and Appropriation of Funds for the Hampton Clean City Commission from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Keep Hampton Green Fund and the City of Hampton's General Fund, Solid Waste Fund and Stormwater Management Fund for Fiscal Year 2017

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Hampton Clean City Commission, established by City Council in 1978, enlists Hampton's citizens in the effort to clean up litter and prevent it by educating others. The Commission also works to improve the appearance of the City of Hampton through urban forestry, stormwater and water quality education and beautification projects. Among the projects the Commission undertakes are the "Adopt-A-Spot Program" which enlists volunteers in keeping Hampton clean and beautiful and the "Keep Hampton Green" Urban Forestry Donation Fund which uses private donations to purchase trees and shrubs for public areas of the city. The Commission also works extensively with youth to lay the foundation for future stewardship of our city.

Discussion:

The Commonwealth of Virginia allocates 90 percent of the funds collected through three "litter taxes" to a grant program that funds local litter prevention and recycling activities. Every locality in Virginia is eligible to receive these annual, non-competitive, non-matching grant funds. Appropriated amounts are based upon a locality's population and road mileage. The amount allocated to the City of Hampton for FY 2017 is estimated to be up to \$30,000.

The City's General Fund, Solid Waste Fund and Stormwater Management Fund provide operational support funds for the Clean City Commission's many projects and activities.

Impact:

The Keep Hampton Green Fund, because it is a function of private donations, will probably not exceed \$5,000. The Litter Control & Recycling Grant is estimated to be up to \$30,000 and does not require matching funds. The Solid Waste Fund is contributing \$55,000, the Stormwater Management Fund is contributing \$47,115 and the General Fund is contributing \$62,042 to the Hampton Clean City Commission's budget, for a total of up to \$199,157. Final award amount of the Litter Control & Recycling Grant will be made known in Fall 2017.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, as part of the Fiscal Year 2017 City Council Approved Budget, the Hampton Clean City Commission has been awarded \$62,042 from the General Fund, \$55,000 from the Solid Waste Fund and \$47,115 from the Stormwater Management Fund;

WHEREAS, the Hampton Clean City Commission is awaiting notification from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on their allocation amount for the litter prevention program, estimated to be up to \$30,000;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that up to \$5,000 in donations from the Keep Hampton Green Fund will be received on behalf of Commission's urban forestry activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia accepts and appropriates an amount up to \$5,000 from Keep Hampton Green Fund; an amount up to \$30,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and any supplemental funds awarded from these sources in accordance with the grant agreement.

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