



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program American Rescue Plan Funding Awarded by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Health to the City of Hampton, Virginia (Youth, Education, and Family Services Department, also known as Healthy Families)

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this resolution is to accept and appropriate American Rescue Funding to address the needs of expectant parents and families with young children during the COVID-19 public health pandemic emergency. These funds will support home visiting activities that address immediate needs of parents, children, and families related to COVID-19 public health emergency.

DISCUSSION:

Hampton Healthy Families Partnership utilizes federal grant funds (Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) to support the delivery of coordinated and comprehensive high-quality voluntary early childhood home visiting services to eligible families. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) administers this program in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

American Rescue Plan funds are in place to assist and support families who are participants of the MIECHV home visitation program during the COVID-19 public health pandemic emergency. The funds, \$22,121.00 will be used to assist the MIECHV program with safety and technology needs.

IMPACT:

The grant award is \$22,121.00 providing emergency assistance to 88 families with no local match required. Funds will be used to acquire necessary technological means for families enrolled in program to conduct and support virtual home visiting. Funds will also be used to assist with providing emergency supplies such as face masks and personal protective equipment, hand soap, and cleaning supplies. These supplies will be available for both staff and families; supporting pandemic safety measures. A portion of the funds will be used for emergency food assistance for eligible families demonstrating they otherwise do not have financial means to purchase needed food; addressing food insecurity during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Family Health Services has awarded the City of Hampton, the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation (MIECHV) American Rescue Plan Funding Grant in the amount of \$22,121 in Federal funds with no local cash or in-kind match requirement.

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period Upon Execution through 09/29/2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2022 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the 2022 Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) American Rescue Plan Funding Grant award in the amount of \$22,121, and any supplemental funding, from the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Family Health Services to the Grant Fund to be used by Youth, Education and Family Services (a.k.a. Healthy Families) intended to support home visiting activities that address immediate needs of parents, children, and families related to the COVID-19 health emergency, in accordance with the grant agreement;

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