



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the 2024 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Grant Awarded by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this resolution is to accept and appropriate state and federal funds to permit continuation of the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Discussion:

The Hampton Department of Human Services was awarded the first Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) grant in fiscal year 2014-2015. Each subsequent year the award has been received.

The Virginia Homeless Solution Program (VHSP), is funded by the State General Fund and the Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to support Continuum of Care (CoC) strategies and homeless services and prevention programs that align with the following goals:

- To reduce the number of individuals/households who become homeless;
- To shorten the length of time an individual or household is homeless; and
- To reduce the number of individuals/households that return to homelessness.

Hampton Human Services serves as the lead agency for the Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC) and the fiscal agency for the Virginia Peninsula Collaborative (VPC). The Virginia Peninsula Collaborative is an united effort between service provider agencies, to provide shelter operations, rapid re-housing (to include veterans), prevention, coordinated/central intake and Continuum of Care (CoC) planning across the region to include the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Williamsburg, along with James City and York Counties. Partners include Newport News Social Services, James City County Office of Housing and Community Development, Menchville House, Link, Transitions and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Gender (LGBT) Consortium member agencies throughout the community.

Impact:

The City has been awarded total funds in the amount of \$1,060,922; Federal pass through of \$129,806; State General Funds of \$931,116; no match is required.

Recommendation:

Approve and Appropriate.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded a 2023-2024 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Grant (the "Grant") in the amount of \$1,060,922 to the City of Hampton Department of Human Services.

WHEREAS, the grant award is for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of the Grant, Human Services partners with the James City County Office of Housing and Community Development, Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, Newport News Social Services, The Salvation Army Peninsula, Menchville House, Link, Transitions and LGBT Life Center, a host of the Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium member agencies throughout the community (collectively, the "Grant Partners"), and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Grant does not require a local cash or in-kind match;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends it's Fiscal Year 2024 Council Approved Budget to (1) accept and appropriate the 2024 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Grant through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$1,060,922; and any supplemental funding, to the Grant Fund for use for the purposes set forth in the Grant; and (2) accepts and approves cooperation and coordinating with the Grant Partners in furtherance of the purpose of the Grant.

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; including, but not limited, to the execution of memorandum of understating by and among Social Services and the Grant Partners, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.