



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the 2023 Children's Services Act Annual Allocation Awarded by the Virginia Department of Education

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Children's Services Act (CSA) formerly known as the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families, combines the annual appropriations that previously went to Social Services, the Hampton City Schools and the Court Services Unit. The CSA serves families with children at a high risk of out-of-home placement or are already in such placement due to their specialized academic and/or behavior needs. CSA is administered by a Community Policy and Management Team made up of agency directors, vendors, parent representatives and other community members.

DISCUSSION:

The mission of the Children's Services Act is to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused, community-based and cost-effective when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families in Virginia. In Hampton, this collaborative system of care continues to serve over 500 annually. This system of care approach has been a hallmark of supporting families for a healthy child.

As established through the Appropriation Act, funding services to children and families under the Children's Services Act is a shared responsibility of state and local government. The State Executive Council for Children's Services, together with the Office of Children's Services, are the administrative bodies at the state level that set the local match rate for each locality, Hampton's local match continues to be set at 32.23%.

At this time, the base allocating from the state to Hampton is \$3,153,265 with a local share of \$1,499,431. Historically, Hampton has received supplemental CSA funds from the State above the base allocation that requires a proportionate increase in the local share.

Pursuant to Hampton City Charter Section 6.12, supplemental appropriations may be made by City Council not to exceed the unanticipated revenue from the Commonwealth or Federal sources where City Council has previously or currently approved the city's participating in the program. The City has been participating in the CSA program for many years; therefore, this resolution appropriating anticipated state funding is in compliance with this section of the Charter.

Impact:

The City has been awarded the CSA annual allocation in the base amount of \$3,153,265. The base local match is \$1,499,431.

Recommendation:

Approved

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Education has awarded the 2023 Children's Services Act to the City of Hampton, Virginia in the base allocation of \$3,153,265.

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Act requires an initial local cash match of \$1,499,431.

WHEREAS, supplemental State funding above the base allocation is expected and will require a proportionate increase in the local match, and

WHEREAS, the funding awarded covers the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its Fiscal Year 2023 Council Approved Budget to (1) accept and appropriate the 2023 Children's Services Act annual allocation in the base amount of \$3,153,265 in state funding and any supplemental funding and (2) approve the base local share in the amount of \$1,499,431 for a total of \$4,652,696.

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