

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	February 20, 2024
Action Required:	Appropriate Additional \$16,636.84 in CHERP Funding
Presenter:	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager
Staff Contacts:	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager
Title:	Resolution to Appropriate Additional COVID Homeless Emergency Response Program (C.H.E.R.P.) Grant Award - \$16,636.84 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Office of Community Solutions in coordination with the Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless (B.R.A.C.H.) and the Service Provider Council (S.P.C.), applied for and received a grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The original COVID Supplement for the Virginia Housing Solutions Program award has been amended to include an additional \$16,636.34 for a total of \$837,650.44 and the contract period extended to March 31, 2024. This portion of the C.H.E.R.P. award must be used for non-congregate emergency shelter operation expenses and related administrative expenses.

Discussion

The City of Charlottesville has staff from the Department of Human Services and Office of Community Solutions taking leadership roles in the governance of B.R.A.C.H. The grant provides services in several points along the local continuum of services including emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, and system coordination.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This grant advances City Council's Strategic Plan Framework Outcome Area: Housing, as it provides access to shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. Individuals experiencing homelessness are then connected with resources such as Rapid Re-housing to provide them with assistance to obtain and maintain permanent housing.

Community Engagement

This grant is a part of the extensive engagement of the service provider community for people experiencing homelessness. This partnership is reflective of the City's partnership with B.R.A.C.H.

Budgetary Impact

There is no budgetary impact for the City of Charlottesville. This grant will be entirely Federal pass-through funds and no local match is required. All funds will be distributed to sub-recipients for service provision.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval and appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives

Council may elect to not accept the funds and the community will not have the capacity to provide additional shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness in the City of Charlottesville. The current need for emergency shelter is outpacing the current funding available for emergency shelter.

Attachments

1. CHERP Resolution 2024 Amendment