

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



Agenda Date:	June 3, 2024
Action Required:	Approve Resolution (1 reading)
Presenter:	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget, Todd Divers, Commissioner of the Revenue
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Title:	Resolution to reallocate Tax and Rent Relief Budgets

Background

Annually, Charlottesville's City Council allocates funding in the General Fund for the Charlottesville Homeowner Assistance Program (CHAP) and tax and rent relief for the elderly and disabled.

CHAP provides a grant in aid to any qualified natural person who owns and occupies property in the city and who meets certain eligibility requirements. The grant amount is a fixed amount and based on the applicant's income.

The Rental Relief program provides payment of grants to qualified tenants residing in the city who are sixty-five (65) years of age or who are permanently and totally disabled. The Real Estate Tax Relief program provides real estate tax relief for qualified property owners who are sixty-five (65) years of age or who are permanently and totally disabled.

Discussion

The budgets for these programs are projected and approved months in advance of the time that applications and requests for assistance are submitted and received by the City. As a result, staff must rely on past trends and other empirical information in order to make a recommendation for the budget amounts for each program. In FY 2024, the budget included a total of \$2,645,000 for all the grant and relief programs. To date, a total of \$2,635,553 has been awarded. The FY 2024 budget resolution passed by Council last April included specific budget amounts for each specific program. Some of the programs came in under budget while others are over budget. This resolution requests that the Council revise the budget for each program so that the financial record will accurately reflect the Council's approval of the relief which has been granted. A summary table of the recommended revisions is illustrated below:

<u>Relief Type</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Rent Relief for Disabled	\$ 190,000	\$ (89,974)	\$ 100,026	\$ 100,026	\$ (0)
Rent Relief for Elderly	35,000	(4,957)	30,043	30,043	0
Tax Relief for Disabled	290,000	(74,395)	215,605	215,605	0
Tax Relief for Elderly	750,000	285,838	1,035,838	1,035,838	0
Stormwater Assistance	20,000	4,542	24,542	24,542	0
CHAP	1,360,000	(121,054)	1,238,946	1,229,500	9,446
	\$ 2,645,000	\$ -	\$ 2,645,000	\$ 2,635,553	\$ 9,447

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This change aligns with the City's vision to be a place where everyone thrives by targeting tax relief where it is most needed. It reflects the City's commitment to implement equitable practices and policies across all of its activities. It further reflects the City's strategic outcome area of organizational excellence by delivering excellent service to the community.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact on the City's total budget as this resolution only requests a reallocation of the budget approved for tax and rent relief.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

1. Resolution for Tax and Rent Relief Budget Adjustments