

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



Agenda Date:	September 3, 2024
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Mike Rogers, Deputy Chief of Business Services
Staff Contacts:	Mike Rogers, Deputy Chief of Business Services
Title:	Resolution to appropriate Fiscal Year 2025 Fire Programs Aid to Locality Funding (Firefund) - \$238,581.00 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Code of Virginia provides for the collection of an annual levy each fiscal period from the insurance industry. Such a levy is collected by the State Corporation Commission, and the amounts collected are then transferred into the Fire Program Fund (Firefund). These aid to locality monies are then distributed to the jurisdictions to supplement the localities' funding for fire service based training, training supplies, training equipment, prevention activities, and some response equipment. This is an annual allotment of funding. All usage and any carryovers are reported out to the Department of Fire Programs at the end of the fiscal period before the next fiscal period monies are granted. The City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$238,581.00 in these funds for FY 2025.

Discussion

The Aid to Locality monies are distributed annually to aid departments in their training, prevention, and equipment efforts. While the monies cannot be used to directly/indirectly supplant or replace other locality funds, they help us to provide for additional firefighting training resources, logistics, courses, and equipment as outlined in the Department of Fire Programs Aid to Locality allowable uses chart.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Aid to Locality/Firefund allocation supports the City's Vision Statement and Strategic Outcome Area for Public Safety by providing supplemental training and equipment funding for fire prevention, firefighting, hazardous materials, and technical rescue. With this additional funding being put towards these purposes, we are better able to prepare our responders to deliver emergency services and/or information to the citizens, students, business community members, and guests of the City.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact on the General Fund, as these funds do not require a City match. The FY 2025 funds will be budgeted and expensed in the City's grant fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives

If Aid to Locality funding is not appropriated, the Fire Department will not be able to utilize this supplemental funding to help support its training, prevention, and equipment efforts.

Attachments

1. Firefund FY 2025 Resolution Attachment