

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



Agenda Date: November 4, 2024

Action Required: Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Presenter: Riaan Anthony, Director of Parks & Recreation

Staff Contacts: Annie Sechrist

Title: Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program Child and Adult Care Food Program - \$20,000 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received approval for a reimbursement of up to \$20,000 from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program to provide free dinner to children 18 and under attending our drop-in afterschool programs through their Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Discussion

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation will operate an afterschool meals program for 36 weeks, during the regular school year. There are currently 3 locations, Greenstone on 5th, South First Street, and Westhaven Community Centers that serve children 18 years and under. The reimbursement will cover the costs of a nutritious dinner at these locations, which also have an educational/enrichment component. Dinner will be served from 4:30pm -6:30 pm at the various community centers. Most of the children served receive free or reduced meals during the school year. Over 200 children will be served each week during the school year. The dinners are purchased through the City of Charlottesville School Food Service. The Parks and Recreation Department pays the bills to the City of Charlottesville Food Service and is then reimbursed by the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Programs.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with Council's Strategic Plans for Recreation, Arts, Culture.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. The funds will be appropriated, expensed, and reimbursed to a Grants Fund. There is no required local match for this program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives

If money is not appropriated, the free dinner program will not be offered to youth, most of whom receive free or reduced meals during the school year.

Attachments

1. Appropriation of VDOE Special Nutrition Program Reimbursement Resolution