

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



Agenda Date:	May 6, 2024
Action Required:	Approve Resolution
Presenter:	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Staff Contacts:	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Title:	Resolution appropriating Dogwood Memorial Foundation state grant pass-thru funding - \$600,000 (2nd reading)

Background

The Commonwealth of Virginia through the Department of Historic Resources(DHR) will provide \$600,000 to the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the exclusive support of the Dogwood Veterans Memorial Pedestrian Bridge and Parking project. The City of Charlottesville will serve as fiscal conduit for the Project by receiving the grant funds from DHR and transferring the funds in full to the Recipient upon full execution of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Discussion

DHR is the State Historic Preservation Office of the Commonwealth. DHR fosters, encourages, and supports the stewardship and use of Virginia's significant architectural, archaeological, and historic resources as valuable assets for the economic, educational, social, and cultural benefit of citizens and communities. A significant responsibility is the administration and review of state and federal historic preservation grant programs for financial and programmatic compliance. DHR is authorized to administer state grants to non-state agencies under the Code of Virginia.

Dedicated on April 20, 1966, the Charlottesville Dogwood Vietnam Memorial is the first public-civic memorial in the United States of America to honor all members of the United States Military who served and those who gave their lives in the war in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Each year since, there has been an annual re-dedication of the Memorial. In January 2015, the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial Foundation, Inc. was established as a nonstock corporation to focus exclusively on the Memorial. In January 2017, the Foundation became a nonprofit charitable organization pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3). The Foundation is comprised of approximately 25 all-volunteer members, most of whom have served in this country's military, the majority in the war in Vietnam, and all are dedicated to perpetuating the Memorial (referred to as "the hill that heals"). The pedestrian bridge and parking project will improve access to the memorial.

These funds were originally included in the City's FY 2025 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP). However, in order to comply with the terms of the MOU, the City must transfer the award funding to the foundation by no later than June 30, 2024. Approval of this resolution will allow for the transfer of the funds and the project will be removed from the City's FY 2025CIP.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This resolution aligns with the strategic outcome of **Partnerships** and helps to enhance the City's commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

Community Engagement

These funds will be used to benefit the community and make the memorial more accessible to those who wish to visit the memorial.

Budgetary Impact

There is no budget impact to the City as these funds will be provided by the state as pass-thru funds to be distributed to the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial Foundation.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

1. DHR-Cville-DVMF_MOU 2023-24-Fully Executed (003)
2. Resolution_DHR Grant for Dogwood Memorial