

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution Appropriating Virginia Department of Social Services Temporary Aid to Needy Families Grant - \$69,312.67 (2nd reading)
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Issue

Resolution to appropriate \$69,312.67 in VDSS TANF Grant funds to provide workforce development training and supportive services to individuals residing in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), living at or below the two-hundred percent (200%) poverty line.

Background / Rule

The City has been awarded FY26 State VDSS TANF Grant funds to support the City's Office of Economic Development's ("OED") ongoing workforce development training programs.

Analysis

The attached Resolution authorizes the appropriation of Grant funds totaling \$69,312.67. Specifically, in FY26, these Grant funds will help support the GO Cook, GO CNA, and other workforce certification training for in-demand jobs and skills that will be developed during the Grant year. The GO Cook Program, which trains individuals in the culinary arts and prepares them for careers in local food and hospitality establishments, will be supported. GO Cook has been run twenty (20) times, resulting in over one-hundred (100) individuals being trained and assisted with job placement. GO CNA trains individuals to be certified nursing assistants. To date, one (1) cohort has been completed so far, resulting in eight (8) individuals being trained and assisted with job placement. In addition, Grant funds will also be used to support Career Essentials Workshops, a soft-skills training course for the unemployed and underemployed. The City's OED will work with PVCC and CATEC to develop additional GO Workforce Training Programs and initiatives throughout the Grant year designed to upskill residents and connect them to family-supporting jobs.

Financial Impact

The appropriated funds align with the FY26 City Budget and support Programs, without requiring additional City funds.

Recommendation

City OED Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution to ensure timely use of awarded Grant funds.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move to adopt the Resolution appropriating \$69,312.67 in TANF Grant funding for FY26."

Attachments

1. Resolution Appropriating VDSS Grant Funds 08.18.2025 (1)