

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Appropriate \$2,076,696.00 in additional funding from the Virginia Office of Children's Services to support at-risk children and families (2nd reading)
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Date of Proposed Action:	June 15, 2026

Issue

Supplemental funds are needed to cover approved Children's Services Act (CSA) services for at-risk City of Charlottesville children and families through June 30, 2026.

Background / Rule

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is a Virginia law enacted in 1993 to establish a mandated single state pool of funds to support children in foster care or at risk of going into foster care, children with certain special education needs, children involved in the Juvenile Court system, and children with serious emotional or behavioral problems. CSA is funded by State and local funds. The school system pays a proportional share of the local match for services in the special education category.

Analysis

The increase in CSA costs is due to increases in the number of children and families receiving services for foster care, foster care prevention, and educational services. Additionally, the level of service need for clients and families has increased which, in turn, has increased expenditures.

Financial Impact

The Office of Children's Services will provide \$1,520,004 of the supplemental funding. Local matches from the City and the City Schools will also be required. The amount of additional funds required by the City is \$423,546 and an additional \$133,147 is required from Schools.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of this item

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Appropriate Additional CSA funding