

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution Allocating \$575,000 in Housing Operations and Support FY27 Grant Funding (2nd reading)
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Date of Proposed Action:	July 20, 2026

Issue

The Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (“CAHF”) Committee has completed its review of FY27 Housing Operations and Program Support (“HOPS”) Grant Program Funding Applications and requests City Council approval of recommended awards. Fourteen (14) Applications were considered, and thirteen (13) are recommended for funding.

Background / Rule

The HOPS Grant Program, supported through the City’s Capital Improvement Program (“CIP”), supports the operational needs of nonprofit organizations that provide essential housing-related services. A Notice of Funding Availability was issued on August 28, 2025, announcing \$575,000 in available funding. City Staff received fourteen (14) complete Applications, totaling \$1,390,000 in requests.

The CAHF Committee reviewed and scored Applications using a standardized rubric that evaluates affordability, population served, project readiness, environmental sustainability, demonstrated need, organizational capacity, and alignment with City priorities. Final average scores ranged from seventy (70) to one hundred one (101) points. Pursuant to the HOPS Grant Program process, the CAHF Committee submits funding recommendations to City Council for approval.

Analysis

The CAHF Committee evaluated Applications requesting a total of \$1,390,000 in FY27 HOPS funding. Using the standardized scoring rubric, the CAHF Committee grouped Applications into tiers based on scores and recommended that each tier receive a set percentage of its requested amount. Three (3) Applications are in Tier 1, scoring over one hundred (100) points, and are recommended for funding at seventy percent (70%). Eight (8) applications are in Tier 2, scoring between ninety (90) and ninety-nine (99) points, and are recommended for funding at forty-four and seven tenths percent (44.7%). Two (2) Applications are in Tier 3, scoring between eighty (80) and eighty-nine (89) points, and are recommended for funding at nineteen percent (19%). One (1) Application is in Tier 4, scoring below eighty (80) points, and is not recommended for funding.

The CAHF Committee recommends allocating the \$575,000 as follows:

- AHIP System of Care Program: \$42,905
- Community Services Housing Program: \$44,700

- Georgia's Friends Recovery Residence & Support Program: \$1,900
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville Homeownership Program: \$33,525
- IRC Housing Navigation Support Program: \$20,115
- LAJC Legal Services to Prevent Evictions and Ensure Housing Stability Program: \$22,350
- MACAA Hope House Program: \$13,410
- PACEM Case Management Program: \$53,640
- Piedmont Housing Alliance Charlottesville Affordable Housing Program: \$89,400
- SupportWorks Housing The Crossings PSH Program: \$29,055
- The Haven Day Shelter Program: \$77,000
- The Haven Homeless Information Line Program: \$35,000
- The Haven Vital Housing Services Program: \$112,000

Financial Impact

The \$575,000 in recommended awards are allocated in the FY27 CIP Budget for CAHF. No additional financial impact is associated with the proposed action, as all recommended expenditures fall within existing appropriations.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving the CAHF Committee's FY27 HOPS Grant Project Funding recommendations and authorize the allocation of CAHF funds to the thirteen (13) recommended programs.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a Motion to adopt the attached Resolution approving the CAHF Committee's FY27 HOPS Grant Project Funding recommendations and authorize the allocation of CAHF funds to the thirteen (13) recommended projects."

Attachments

1. Charlottesville HOPS Report FY27
2. RESOLUTION HOPS FY27 (1)jvhedits