

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to appropriate additional \$45,330.18 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV grant 25-HOPWA-303 (2nd reading)
Staff Contact(s):	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager
Presenter:	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager
Date of Proposed Action:	August 17, 2026

Issue

The City of Charlottesville has been awarded an additional 45,330.18 in HOPWA grant funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Development and extended the period of performance through September 30, 2026 to allow for spending these additional funds.

Background / Rule

The Office of Budget and Grants Management, in coordination with the Blue Ridge Area Coalition on Homelessness (BRACH), has received an additional 45,330.18 in HOPWA funds applied from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. These additional funds will bring the total award for the grant to 437,912.18 to be spent by September 30, 2026.

Analysis

The City of Charlottesville has staff from Human Services and the Office of Budget and Grants Management serving on the BRACH Board. H.O.P.W.A., is an important resource in our community's efforts to end homelessness. The grant provides services in four key areas in addition to Administration:

1. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (T.B.R.A.): The Blue Ridge Health Department (B.R.H.D.) partners with The Haven to provide T.B.R.A. to eligible participants. The B.R.H.D. screens participants for eligibility and inspects the proposed property to ensure that it meets H.U.D. requirements. Upon successful screening, The Haven contacts the landlord to arrange monthly rent payment, similar to rapid re-housing.
2. Short-term Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance: B.R.H.D. screens eligible participants for short-term assistance including emergency utility payments to avoid shut off.
3. Supportive Services: B.R.H.D. provides supportive services including crisis intervention, case management and service referrals.
4. Homeless Management Information System(H.M.I.S.): The City of Charlottesville as the award recipient will ensure that H.M.I.S. data is complete through an agreement with B.R.A.C.H. to have the Executive Director ensure data quality. Our Continuum of Care (C.O.C.) has a well-populated database for individuals experiencing homelessness. HMIS collaboration provides real-time monitoring of the needs and progress of individuals and households facing homelessness. Collaborative use of H.M.I.S. among B.R.A.C.H. C.o.C. Service Providers expedites communication and reduces the need to interface disparate documentation systems.
5. Administration: The City of Charlottesville as the award recipient, is eligible for an administrative fee up to seven (7) percent of the total award. Staff proposes that we pass these dollars through to B.R.A.C.H, B.R.H.D. and The Haven to support the supervision of assigned staff.
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This grant advances the City of Charlottesville's City Council Strategic Plan Framework "to be a place where everyone thrives". More specifically, this grant advances the strategic outcome area, Housing, which indicates "Charlottesville defines access to liveable housing as a human right and works to ensure housing choices and mobility are provided for all who seek it through the implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan". The HOPWA funds provided by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development provides access to housing supports and services to assist individuals with HIV/AIDS with maintaining housing.

Financial Impact

There is no budgetary impact to the City of Charlottesville as this grant is entirely federal pass-through funds and no local match is required. All funds will be distributed to sub-recipients for service provision.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the acceptance of the additional FY25 HOPWA grant award and approval of the resolution to appropriate the HOPWA funds.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the resolution as presented to appropriate the FY2025 HOPWA grant funds in the amount of \$45,330.18.

Attachments

1. 25HW303 Additional Funding Resolution
2. 25HW_303 Grant Amendment for additional funds
3. 25HW_303 Grant Amendment to Extend Period of Performance