

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	FY 2027 Budget Amendments and Appropriation of \$300,252 of Additional General Fund Revenue (1 of 2 readings)
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Date of Proposed Action:	September 8, 2026

Issue

Since the adoption of the FY 2027 budget, the City has received \$300,252 in unanticipated revenue that needs to be appropriated, and funds previously appropriated for the City's Grand Illumination celebration need to be moved from the City's Communication and Public Engagement department to Parks and Recreation.

Background / Rule

Ordinance #0-26-44 sets the City of Charlottesville's budget and spending plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The ordinance outlines both revenue and expenses to promote transparency and accountability. If the City receives any extra revenue during the year that was not part of the original ordinance, Council approval is required before it can be spent. Similarly, any changes to departmental budget totals must be appropriated by Council.

Analysis

Appropriation of Additional Revenue

As part of the FY 2026 closeout, Jaunt has remitted \$225,252 to the City as its share of excess funds. Furthermore, City Council recently adopted resolution #R-26-116, approving an agreement for legal services between the City of Charlottesville and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Authority, which includes a \$75,000 fee for those services. These two items together contribute \$300,252 in revenue that was not reflected in the annual budget ordinance. Staff recommends these funds be appropriated to the Citywide Reserve account within the General Fund, making these resources available to the City Manager for addressing unforeseen needs during the fiscal year.

Budget Amendments

The FY 2027 Communications and Public Engagement budget included an appropriation of \$25,000 for expenses associated with the Grand Illumination event, which is hosted annually by the City. Management responsibility for this event has since transitioned to Parks and Recreation, and staff is requesting that the corresponding budget allocation be transferred to reflect this change.

Financial Impact

We aim to keep \$500,000 in the Citywide Reserve account. The FY 2027 proposed budget included \$417,771 for replenishment, but after Council changes, the reserve was reduced to \$187,032, with no carryover expected from FY 2026. Adding these funds will bring the unallocated reserve balance to \$487,284. Moving the \$25,000 Grand Illumination budget between departments has no financial impact.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Allocate \$300,252 to the Citywide Reserve