Policy Briefing Summary
City Council

Regarding:	**Resolution to Appropriate $67,667 from the City's low-barrier shelter operations fund to SupportWorks Housing for Vista 29 (2nd reading)**
Staff Contact(s):	Steven King, Assistant to the City Manager
Presenter:	**Allison Bogdanovic**
Date of Proposed Action:	November 16, 2026

Issue
Support Works Housing is seeking $67,667 in connection with Vista 29's first year of supportive services for tenants.

Background / Rule
Vista 29 will deliver 80 deeply affordable, supportive living spaces in a transit-accessible location. By combining secure housing with robust on-site services, SupportWorks aims to help formerly homeless residents transition into stable, long-term housing.

Analysis
SupportWorks Housing is requesting a one-time contribution of $67,667 from the City of Charlottesville to support first-year onsite supportive services at Vista 29, the region's newest permanent supportive housing community.

The total cost to launch first-year services is $200,000, with SupportWorks seeking an equal three-way partnership among the City, Albemarle County, and the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation. The requested funding would support two new full-time roles: a Senior Case Manager/Clinical Lead and a Housing Specialist/Case Manager, as well as administrative support and benefits/payroll costs. These positions are intended to provide clinical oversight, crisis intervention, housing stabilization, landlord engagement, and resident support services essential to long-term housing retention.

SupportWorks views this as a bridge-year request. The organization indicates it will apply for Virginia Housing Trust Fund supportive services funding once Vista 29 is operational, with anticipated state award notifications in spring 2027.

Financial Impact
Funds previously appropriated in the City's General Fund for low barrier shelter operations will be used to fund this request.

Recommendation
Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments
1. Vista 29 Presentation October 2026 packet
2. FY27 SupportWorks Resolution