

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



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| Agenda Date: | April 3, 2023 |
| Action Required: | Appropriation |
| Presenter: | Misty Graves, Director of Human Services |
| Staff Contacts: | Hunter Smith, Human Services Planner |
| Title: | Appropriating funding for the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant - \$209,444 (1 of 2 readings) |

Background

In FY2020 the Human Services Department, in partnership with ReadyKids, applied for and received a 3 year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families in the amount of \$200,000 in federal funds and \$22,222 in local matching funds. In FY2023, the third and final year of the grant, the local match will be met with a transfer of \$9,444 from the Human Services Department for a total appropriation of \$209,444. An in-kind match of \$12,778 from ReadyKids, to provide Runaway Emergency Shelter Program (RESP) services, will be applied to the grant as well.

Discussion

The funds support services that provide emergency shelter, counseling and after care services for youth in crisis for the purpose of keeping them safe and off the streets, with a goal of reunification with family. Funded services will include: emergency shelter available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week; individual and family counseling to help resolve conflict and develop new communication skills to facilitate reunification with the family; and additional support services that help youth build meaningful connections with their community and encourage positive youth development.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Runaway Emergency Services Program grant aligns with the City of Charlottesville's Strategic Plan – Goal 2: A Healthy and Safe City; Objective 2.3: Improve community health and safety outcomes by connecting residents with effective resources.

The Human Service Department's programs, including the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program, provide residential and community based services that prevent delinquency and promote the healthy development of youth.

Community Engagement

In order to increase prevention services, (RESP), staff conduct extensive outreach efforts, particularly in area schools reaching out to youth through a variety of activities including presentations to health classes and at tables during lunch.

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. There is a local match that the Human Service's Department and ReadyKids will provide (cash match of \$9,444 – Human Services Fund and in-kind match \$12,778 – ReadyKids). This grant will be appropriated into a grants fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives

If the funds are not appropriated, the grant would not be received and the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program services would not be provided.

Attachments

1. Resolution_FY23 RHY Appropriation