

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	August 21, 2023
Action Required:	Resolution
Presenter:	Alexander Ikefuna, Director of Community Solutions
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Title:	Resolution to approve the Sixth Amended Grant Agreement, Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP) (1 reading)

Background

On June 19, 2017, the City Council approved the creation of a supplemental rental assistance program for the City of Charlottesville. In October 2017, the City Council approved the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP) and funding for the program. The Grant Agreement between the City and the CRHA was executed in January 2018. The first voucher was issued in April 2018.

Currently, the City Council has approved total funding for this program in the amount of \$5,295,000 (\$900,000 in FY17/18; \$945,000 in FY18/19; \$750,000 in FY19/20; \$900,000 in FY20/21; \$900,000 in FY21/22; and \$900,000 in FY22/23) which will continue to extend this housing assistance for our vulnerable households.

Discussion

Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) continues to administer this program similar to the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. Each year CRHA staff provides City Council with an update on the program's status. In 2020, City Council approved an amendment to the agreement to include administrative costs in the program funding due to concerns from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The updated Agreement contains revisions that focus on the program's time frame and the allocation of funding.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The provision of assistance with housing some of our most vulnerable families supports City Council's visions of Quality Housing Opportunities for All; Community of Mutual Respect; and Smart, Citizen-Focused Government. This program aligns directly with Strategic Plan Goal 1.3: Increase affordable housing options and with the 2021 Affordable Housing Plan.

Community Engagement

The CRHA staff has reviewed the amendment for this Grant Agreement.

Budgetary Impact

This request does not require any additional funding from the City budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached Resolution.

Alternatives

City Council could choose not to approve this Resolution which may effectively end this program and/or negatively affect the provision of housing assistance currently providing relief for some of our most vulnerable families.

Attachments

1. RESOLUTION Sixth Amended CSRAP Agreement
2. Sixth Amended CSRAP Grant Agr cleanvrs082123