

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 19, 2025
Action Required:	Approve as written
Presenter:	Misty Graves, Director of Human Services
Staff Contacts:	Hunter Smith, Human Services Planner
Title:	<b>Resolution to appropriate Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Act Grant Award FY25 - \$123,600 (2nd reading)</b>

**Background**

Issue: The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services ("VDCJS") has awarded the City's Department of Human Services ("DHS") \$123,600 from its Victims of Crime Act Program to provide trauma-focused, evidence-informed case management, and clinical services. DHS has received similar awards since 2019. This is a new award that follows the same programmatic structure and operates in the same format as previous award cycles.

**Discussion**

Background/Rule: The City's DHS' Evergreen Program increases access to trauma-informed intervention for victims within schools, as well as low-wealth neighborhoods, expands access to mental health services for victims, and supports behavioral interventionist positions serving victims of crime. Funds will be used to hire school-based interventionists, who will provide trauma and need assessments, service planning and delivery, coordination with other providers, and case management for up to thirty (30) child victims each year. The school-based interventionist serves students at Buford Middle School. The FY25 award does include a twenty percent (20%) match of \$30,900, which is included in the DHS Budget.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan**

The item aligns with the strategic outcome areas of Education and Partnerships of the City Council's strategic plan.

**Community Engagement**

This Program meets the City's Strategic Outcome Areas of Education and Public Safety.

**Budgetary Impact**

DHS has been receiving grant funds for this Program from the Department of Criminal Justice Services since 2019. The award period for this continuation covers eligible expenses incurred from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. This Grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is \$30,900, which is included in the DHS Budget.

**Recommendation**

City Staff recommends appropriating the funds as written.

**Alternatives**

There are no alternatives. This Program could not operate without appropriation of these funds.

**Attachments**

1. FY25 VOCA Resolution to Appropriate