

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Appropriate Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services - Victims of Crime Act Grant in the amount of \$123,600 (2nd reading)
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Date of Proposed Action:	July 21, 2025

Issue

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the City's Department of Human Services \$123,600 from its Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA") Program to provide trauma-focused, evidence-informed case management, and clinical services. City Staff recommends the acceptance and appropriation of the VOCA Grant Funds and the required twenty percent (20%) match.

Background / Rule

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the Department of Human Services \$123,600 from its VOCA Program to provide trauma-focused, evidence-informed case management, and clinical services.

Analysis

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the Department of Human Services \$123,600 from its VOCA Program to provide trauma-focused, evidence-informed case management, and clinical services. The City's Department of Human Services 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. The City's Department of Human Services' 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 one (1) school-based interventionist, 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 FY26 Award does include a twenty percent (20%) match of \$30,900 which is included in the City's Human Services Department's Budget.

Financial Impact

The award period covers eligible expenses incurred from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. This Grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is \$30,900, which is included in the City's Department of Human Services' Budget.

Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move to adopt the attached Resolution allocating \$123,600 in VOCA funding and \$30,900 in match funds for the City's Department of Human Services' Evergreen Program."

Attachments

1. VOCA FY26 Resolution
2. VOCA Statement of Grant Award