

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution Appropriating Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$400,000 (1 of 2 readings)
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Date of Proposed Action:	September 15, 2025

Issue

In July 2025, the City of Charlottesville was notified that a request for funding through the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) was approved in the amount of \$360,000. The City is required to provide a match in the amount of \$40,000, which is proposed to be provided from the CIP Climate Initiative Fund.

Background / Rule

The City of Charlottesville has recently been awarded a fourth grant from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF). The Governor and General Assembly established the fund in 2020 to assist communities in building resilience to the impacts of climate change, including floods. The CFPF is allocated 45 percent of the revenue Virginia generates through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

- In October 2021, the City was awarded a CFPF grant totaling \$153,500 for a two-dimensional (2D) stormwater management model for the Moore's Creek watershed.
- In December 2021, the City was awarded a CFPF grant totaling \$94,276 for the development of a flood resilience plan for the City of Charlottesville.
- In September 2022, the City as awarded a CFPF grant totaling \$275,000 for a 2-D stormwater management model for the Meadow Creek and Rivanna River Watersheds

Increasingly intense precipitation and flooding were identified in the 2023 Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessment. A capacity building and planning grant application was submitted to conduct a program review of the City's current Floodplain Management Program, assist in program administration, as well as an update to the Flood Resilience Plan with the goal of building a more robust, future-forward, climate-informed program.

Analysis

Climate Action is a strategic outcome area of the City's Strategic Plan and the Climate Action Plan is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Climate Action includes efforts related to climate adaptation and resilience planning. With the identification of increased frequency and intensity of precipitation events and associated flooding, the opportunity to review and evolve the current floodplain management program is an important strategy.

Financial Impact

There is a requirement for the City to provide a \$40,000 match. This match is proposed to come from previously appropriated CIP Climate Initiative Funds.

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council adopted the attached Resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

“I move to adopt the attached Resolution appropriating \$400,000 in DCR CFPF Funds and local match to support capacity building and planning of the City’s Floodplain Management Program and Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement”

Attachments

1. CFPF Appropriation Presentation 09152025
2. CFPF Grant Award Resolution