

# Policy Briefing Summary

## City Council



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<b>Regarding:</b>	<b>Resolution to appropriate funding from the Supreme Court of Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant - \$78,150.09 (2nd reading)</b>
<b>Staff Contact(s):</b>	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager
<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Madison Keller, Offender Aid and Restoration</b>
<b>Date of Proposed Action:</b>	February 2, 2026

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### Issue

- Appropriate funding from the Virginia Supreme Court of Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant in the amount of \$78,150.09
- Execute the Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance
- Execute the MOA between OAR and the City of Charlottesville

### Background / Rule

The City of Charlottesville, on behalf of the Albemarle-Charlottesville Therapeutic Docket program, has received a Supreme Court of Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant for \$78,150.09 for operations of the therapeutic docket program, which is operated by Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR). The City of Charlottesville serves as fiscal agent for the Supreme Court of Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant.

### Analysis

In its sixth year of operation, the Albemarle-Charlottesville Therapeutic Docket program is a supervised 9 to 12 month treatment program that serves as an alternative to incarceration for offenders. The Therapeutic Docket is a specialized docket within the existing structure of the court system given the responsibility to handle cases involving adult misdemeanor offenders who suffer from serious mental illness. The program uses the power of the court to assist offenders to achieve wellness and recovery through a combined system of intensive supervision, medication management, mental health treatment, and regular court appearances.

The total program budget is **\$264,689.09** and includes three funding sources:

Supreme Court of VA - \$78,150.09

City of Charlottesville: \$127,050.00, previously appropriated

Albemarle County: \$59,489.00, previously appropriated

This relates to the City of Charlottesville's priority area of safety/criminal justice. The Therapeutic Docket is a valuable, less expensive alternative to incarceration for certain criminal offenders with serious mental illness which utilizes a blend of court-ordered supervision, mental health treatment services, court appearances, and behavioral sanctions and incentives to reduce recidivism and enhance personal accountability and mental health and wellness among participants.

The Therapeutic Docket is a direct service provider and are engaged daily with non-violent criminal offenders with serious mental illness who are at a high level of risk for reoffending and have a high level of need due to mental illness. By collaborating with the Court system, Region Ten Community Services Board and Partner for Mental Health, the Therapeutic Docket provides these offenders with a highly structured, rigorously supervised system of treatment and criminal case processing that result in a significant reduction in recidivism rates for program participants and graduates. Participants gain access to the Therapeutic Docket through referrals from police, probation, magistrates, defense attorneys and other local stakeholders. Participants have active criminal cases pending in the General District Court. If they successfully complete the program which takes a minimum of 9 months, participants may have their pending charges dismissed or receive an all-suspended sentence. If participants are unsuccessful and have to be terminated from the program, they return to court to face their original charges. Successful Therapeutic Docket participants return the community's investment in them by improving their mental health status, maintaining compliance with treatment regimens, including medications, and reducing their criminal behaviors in the community.

### **Financial Impact**

No additional City funding is required as the City's match for this grant, \$127,050.00, was appropriated as part of the FY 2026 Council Approved Budget as part of the City's contribution to Offender Aid and Restoration.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommend the appropriation of the grant funds and execution of the MOA and Statement of Grant Award.

### **Recommended Motion (if Applicable)**

I move to approve the resolution appropriating the \$78,150.09 from the Supreme Court of Virginia to support the Behavioral Health Docket program. I move to approve the City Manager executing the MOA between OAR and the City and the Statement of Grant Award.

### **Attachments**

1. FY26 TD and CITY MOA
2. RESOLUTION\_\$78,150.09 Therapeutic Docket Grant