

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to appropriate Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Act Grant Award FY26 - \$123,600 (1 of 2 readings)
Staff Contact(s):	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager, Misty Graves, Director of Human Services
Presenter:	Hunter Smith, Human Services Planner
Date of Proposed Action:	June 1, 2026

Issue

- Appropriate grant funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$123,600
- Execute the Statement of Grant Award

Background / Rule

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.

Analysis

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 FY26 award does include a twenty percent (20%) match of \$30,900, which is included in the DHS Budget.

Financial Impact

This grant requires a cash match of twenty percent (20%), which is \$30,900, which will be transferred from previously appropriated funds in the DHS Budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the appropriation of the grant funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the execution of the Statement of Grant Award by the City Manager or designee.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the resolution appropriating the funding from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to support the Department of Human Services' Evergreen program.

I move to approve the City Manager or designee execute the Statement of Grant Award.

Attachments

1. FY 26 DCJS VOCA Resolution