

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to appropriate the Virginia Department of Social Services Family Assistance Management (FAM) grant in the amount of \$20,000 (2nd reading)
Staff Contact(s):	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager, Misty Graves, Director of Human Services
Presenter:	Charlsie Stratton, Deputy Director Human Services Department
Date of Proposed Action:	June 15, 2026

Issue

- Appropriate funding from the Virginia Department of Social Services in the amount of \$20,000
- Execute the amended MOA between the Virginia Department of Social Services and the City of Charlottesville

Background / Rule

The City of Charlottesville was notified that it had received additional grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 from the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Virginia Department of Social Services' Family Assistance Management (F.A.M.) program to support the Community Attention Foster Families program operated by the City's Department of Human Services.

Analysis

The City of Charlottesville appropriated the original grant award in the amount of \$125,704.06 earlier this year. The Commonwealth of Virginia has awarded an additional \$20,000 to the City of Charlottesville to support the advertising/ recruitment and retention of the staff person funded by this grant opportunity.

The Community Attention Foster Families (CAFF) /Department of Human Services was awarded the F.A.M. grant to support the recruitment and hiring of a dedicated staff member specializing in family finding. This position will enhance our efforts to identify and support kinship families for youth within our catchment area and surrounding communities. In our current collaboration with the Department of Social Services (DSS) in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and Greene County, we have a total of 123 children enrolled in the program. The collaboration has approved 74 resource families, with 38 children placed in resource family homes. Additionally, there are 85 children in the program living in relative or kinship homes. Of these, 32 children are in kinship homes through Albemarle County DSS, 47 children are in kinship homes through Charlottesville DSS, and 6 children are in kinship homes through Greene County DSS. As we navigate additional partnership with Fluvanna County DSS we have learned that they currently have 19 children experiencing foster care with 4 youth in independent living, 1 child in residential care, 2 children in kinship care, 3 children on trial home visits and 9 youth in resource family/TFC/LCPA homes. Fluvanna has a total of 14 resource families that they have approved and monitor.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City of Charlottesville.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the appropriation of the grant funds from the Virginia Department of Social Services and the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the City Manager.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the resolution appropriating the \$20,000 from the Virginia Department of Social Services to support the Community Attention Foster Families program.

I move to approve the City Manager or designee execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Charlottesville and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Attachments

1. F.A.M Grant Resolution