

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution to Return \$1,848,424 to the General Fund and Appropriate an Additional Transfer of \$423,546 to the Children Services Act Fund (2nd reading)
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Date of Proposed Action:	June 15, 2026

Issue

Supplemental local funds are needed to cover Children's Services Act (CSA) services for at-risk City of Charlottesville children and families through June 30, 2026.

Background / Rule

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is a 1993 Virginia law designed to help at-risk youth and their families. The services are paid for using funding from State and local funds. The local funds are appropriated from the City's General Fund and Charlottesville City School Board's operating budget.

Analysis

During FY 2025 financial closeout, \$2,145,606 was moved from the General Fund to the CSA Fund for expected expenses. Actual CSA spending was lower, requiring only \$297,182 in extra local funds. This resolution returns the surplus to the General Fund and appropriates \$423,546 back to the CSA Fund for FY 2026 needs.

Financial Impact

\$2,145,606 in surplus from the CSA Fund will be sent to the General Fund. \$423,546 of this will return to the CSA Fund for FY 2026 local match expenses. The resulting \$1,848,424 will be refunded to the City's General Fund as reimbursement for unrealized expenses in a prior year.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of this item

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Withdraw excess CSA funds