

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rebecca Vinroot, Director of Social Services

SUBJECT: Grant Award - COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program Rapid Re-Housing Funds - \$129,630

The James City County Social Services Housing Unit (Housing) is designated as a Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Partner by the Greater Virginia Peninsula Homelessness Consortium (GVPHC), to provide emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, and associated services within James City County, the City of Williamsburg, and Upper York County (Upper Peninsula). Additionally, Housing is further designated as a subgrantee of funding awarded through the GVPHC to the City of Hampton.

In an effort to continue responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Department of Housing and Community Development has made COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program (CHERP) funds available for Rapid Re-housing Operations. As a designated subgrantee, Housing has received an allocation from these funds of \$129,630 including: \$62,390 for direct services, \$3,146 for program administration, and \$64,094 for staffing a Housing Outreach Stabilization Specialist in the Upper Peninsula.

By accepting these funds, the Housing Unit will agree to follow CHERP Funding Guidelines for prioritizing the use of these funds and will commit to only use these funds to cover the costs associated with providing assistance toward achieving the “second goal” outlined in the guidelines. “The second goal of the COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program is to help households maintain or obtain permanent housing and receive housing-focused supportive services necessary to retain permanent housing.”

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to authorize acceptance of these CHERP funds and the use of these funds to staff a Full-Time, Limited-Term Housing Outreach Stabilization Specialist position to administer rapid re-housing operations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Funding Award Documentation