

## 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 Emergency Shelter Funds - \$90,141

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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 Emergency Shelter Operations. As a designated subgrantee, Housing has received an allocation of \$90,141 from these funds for non-congregate, winter shelter.

By accepting these funds, the Housing Unit will agree to follow CHERP Funding Guidelines for prioritizing the use of these funds to cover costs associated with providing assistance toward achieving the first goal outlined in the guidelines which states, “ensure all individuals and households experiencing homelessness have access to safe, 24-7, emergency shelter during this health pandemic.”

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 provide access to safe, 24-7, emergency shelter during this health pandemic.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Funding Award Documentation