



# Richmond City Council

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*Richmond, Virginia*

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Education and Human Services Development Standing Committee

October 12, 2023

### Legislative Summary

**Previous Meeting:** September 14, 2023

**Next Meeting:** November 9, 2023

#### Committee Notes

##### **Presentation**

- Children's Funding Project Fiscal Mapping Update - Amelia Vaughn, Co-Director of Research Capacity, Children's Funding Project
- Early Childhood - Update on State & Federal Funding Cliff- Eva Colen, Manager of the Office of Children & Families

##### **Discussion**

- Homeless Services Update
- Virginia General Assembly Legislative Agenda, 2024
- Richmond Public Schools (RPS) and Richmond School Board Updates - Jason Kamras, Richmond Public Schools Superintendent; Stephanie Rizzi, Richmond School Board Chair and Cheryl Burke, Richmond School Board Vice Chair

#### Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

##### **1. Ordinance No. 2023-297**

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

##### **Key Points**

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond for the purpose of authorizing NextUp RVA to act as a fiscal agent on behalf of the City to facilitate funding for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' 2023CarMax Basketball Youth Development and Summer Camp program.
  - CarMax does not make grants to local governments, therefore the City must use a non-profit partner as the fiscal agent to facilitate payments to vendors and the City.
  - This Fiscal Agency agreement is between NextUp RVA and the City of Richmond.
  - Grant funding is from CarMax in the amount of \$64,000 for costs associated with the Basketball and Summer Camp activities.



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- The goals of the program are to assist Richmond city youth in their problem-solving skills and to help them to become more self-confident. In addition, the program offers mentoring opportunities to CarMax employees allowing youth participants the opportunity to engage with volunteers who serve as positive role models.
- CarMax Foundation has provided these funds for 17 years.

Fiscal Impact: \$64,000 Grant to the City Of Richmond

### 2. Ordinance No. 2023-298

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

#### Key Points

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease between the City of Richmond as lessee and Potomac Area Hostels, Inc., as lessor, for the purpose of leasing the property located at 7 North 2nd Street for the operation of a 50-bed, year-round emergency shelter. (6th District).
  - This paper is to establish a new 50 bed emergency shelter for families at 7 North 2nd Street.
  - The Administration requires authorization to sign a lease for the building, sublease the building to the shelter operator HomeAgain.
  - This paper is also to make a grant to HomeAgain to operate the shelter, and re-appropriate unspent FY23 funds that had been appropriated for FY23 shelter costs and have since been encumbered and rolled over into the FY24 General Fund Budget.

Fiscal Impact: The lease and security deposit will cost the City \$121,800 in FY24 and \$180,000 in FY25. The grant to HomeAgain to operate the shelter will cost \$542,056 in FY24 and a projected \$774,139.64 in FY25. All cost obligations in FY25 and beyond are subject to Council appropriations in those fiscal years.

### 3. Ordinance No. 2023-299

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

#### Key Points

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Lease between the City of Richmond as lessee and Potomac Area Hostels, Inc., as lessor, for the purpose of leasing the property located at 7 North 2nd Street for the operation of a 50-bed, year-round emergency shelter.
  - This Ordinance is for a lease agreement to establish a new 50 bed emergency shelter for families at 7 North 2nd Street.



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- This is a two year lease with the option to extend the lease to extend the lease for one year with six month notice before the end of the lease. The lease agreement outlines provisions for the City to have the first right to purchase the property if the owner of the Hostel property is selling before the lease expires.
- Administration requires authorization to sign a lease for the building, sublease the building to the shelter operator HomeAgain and make a grant to HomeAgain.
- The purpose is to re-appropriate unspent FY23 funds that had been appropriated for FY23 shelter costs and have since been encumbered and rolled over into the FY24 General Fund Budget.
- This O&R request supports one component of the strategy to meet the urgent need for more emergency shelter capacity for families. Once adopted and implemented the region's current 92-bed capacity to serve families year-round will be expanded by 50 beds as early as December 1, 2023.

Fiscal Impact: The lease and security deposit will cost the City \$121,800 in FY24 and \$180,000 in FY25. The grant to HomeAgain to operate the shelter will cost \$542,056 in FY24 and a projected \$774,139.64 in FY25. All cost obligations in FY25 and beyond are subject to Council appropriations in those fiscal years.

#### 4. Ordinance No. 2023-300

**Patron:** Mayor Stoney

##### Key Points

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Sublease Agreement between the City of Richmond and Emergency Shelter, Inc., doing business as HomeAgain, for the purpose of subleasing the property located at 7 North 2nd Street to Emergency Shelter, Inc., doing business as HomeAgain, for the operation of a 50-bed, year-round emergency shelter.
  - This paper is a companion paper to Ord. No. 2023-299 which is the actual authorization for the City to lease the property.
  - This paper is for a sub-lease agreement from the owner of the Hostel property to establish a new 50 bed emergency shelter for families at 7 North 2nd Street.

##### Looking Ahead and Follow up Information

- Update on the Children's Funding Project
- Ongoing follow up and update on Homelessness Services and progress for year round bed capacity implementation.