



# Richmond City Council

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*Richmond, Virginia*

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Education & Human Services Standing Committee

October 9, 2025

### Prep Document for Committee Members

**Previous Meeting:** September 11, 2025

**Next Meeting:** November 13, 2025

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#### Family Crisis Fund Update (Stan Southworth, HumanKind)

##### Notes:

- Purpose: meet emergency financial needs of Richmond residents.
- Over \$3 million in total investment since being established in 2020 (City + Robins Foundation). FY26 budget = \$500,000 in City funding.
- Maximum payment of \$2,500/annually per household. Average = \$1,750.
- 669 children living in households receiving assistance
- Information on recipients:
  - 70% of payments went to housing; 16% to utilities; 8% to auto; 3% to phone.
  - 88% of clients were Black; 7% white; 3% Hispanic; 2% multiracial
  - 80% female; 57% in 25–54-year-old age group
- The January 2025 Water Recovery Assistance program was an expansion of the existing Family Crisis Fund.

##### Potential Questions:

- How do you assess the need and eligibility of families to participate in this program?
- What else can the City do to help support families in need?
- What sort of expenses are eligible for Family Crisis Fund?
- How does it work that a family applies and then payments go to vendors/creditors?
- How did using the Family Crisis Fund for helping people impacted by the January 2025 water crisis impact our ability to help your normal clientele?
- Is it correct that families can only apply once per year? What if they need help again?
- Are people eligible for support if they are displaced to a motel outside of the city?

## **Inclement Weather Shelter Update (Amy Popovich, DCAO Human Services)**

### **Potential Questions:**

- Who is eligible to use the Salvation Army Shelter?
- How are we promoting the availability of this shelter?
- How many beds are available for single men and single women? What if these fill up?
- Please outline our Fiscal Year 2026 budget for emergency shelter operations.
- What are our plans for supporting families? What about queer individuals?
- What's available for individuals or families outside of the inclement weather season?

## **Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration**

### **1. Ord. 2025-224**

**Patron Mayor Avula**

Title: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the City of Richmond and NextUp RVA 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' 2025 CarMax Basketball Youth Development and Summer Camp program.

#### Notes:

- CarMax Foundation has provided these funds for 19 years, via a non-profit partner.
- Receiving up to \$66,000 for 2025 CarMax Basketball Youth Development and Summer Camp activities.
- Provides a fun and safe activity for Richmond youth.

#### Potential Questions:

- Do we anticipate the City expending any funds outside of this agreement?
- NextUp RVA also helps manage the Positive Youth Development fund. How does this program differ and/or build on that work? Before partnering with NextUp RVA where were the funds directed?
- Where does this camp take place? Some neighborhoods are considered “program deserts” for their lack of accessible out-of-school time (OST) activities.
  - (See NextUp Landscape survey summary here: [NEX24002 OST Landscape Survey Pager.indd](#))

## 2. Resolution 2025-R041

**Patron Mayor Avula**

Title: To approve the City of Richmond Plan of Services under the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.

### Notes:

- Virginia Code (16.1-309.3(D)) requires City to approve local plan.
- Purpose of original requirement to create plans like this was “to establish a community-based system of progressive sanctions and services that correspond to the severity of offenses and treatment needs of youth before the court system.”
- City will receive up to \$347,683 from VA Department of Juvenile Justice for this work and commit an equal amount in local funding to match.
- Materials include letters of support from representatives from the Thirteenth District Court Service Unit.
- The plan identifies several programs/services:
  - Community service
  - Pre-d (probation) electronic monitoring
  - Community monitoring
  - Decision points (cognitive behavior intervention)
  - Virginia Rules
  - ARISE
  - Restorative justice
  - Specialize program services
  - Larceny reduction
  - Violence reduction program
  - Broken Men
  - Girls Circle