

INTRODUCED: July 6, 2026

AN ORDINANCE No. 2026-172

To amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 General Fund Budget by (i) re-appropriating \$3,168,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Committed Fund Balance to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget, (ii) creating a new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency entitled “Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, Inc.,” and (iii) appropriating such \$3,168,000.00 to such new line item and to existing Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc., Freeze Program, and Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation line items, all for the purpose of funding active housing cost relief initiatives serving City residents.

Patron – Mayor Avula

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 27 2026 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby amended by:

(a) Re-appropriating funds in the amount of \$3,168,000.00 from the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget;

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(b) Creating a new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency entitled “Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, Inc.,” and

(c) Appropriating such funds in the amount of \$3,168,000.00 to the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency line items as follows:

(1) Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc.....\$700,000.00

(2) Freeze Program.....\$468,000.00

(3) Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, Inc.....\$1,000,000.00

and;

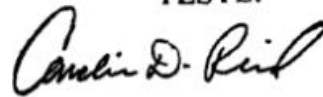
(4) Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation.....\$1,000,000.00,

all for the purpose of funding active housing cost relief initiatives serving City residents.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:



City Clerk

CITY OF RICHMOND

O&R REQUEST

DATE: June 10, 2026

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Dr. Danny Avula, Mayor

THROUGH: Odie Donald II, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Tanikia Jackson, DCAO Finance and Administration

THROUGH: Letitia Shelton, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Meghan Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Amy Popovich, DCAO Human Services

FROM: Dominic Barrett, Senior Policy Advisor

RE: Amend FY27 General Fund Budget to transfer funds to four active housing cost relief initiatives serving City residents

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 General Fund Budget by (i) re-appropriating \$3,168,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Committed Fund Balance to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget, (ii) creating a new line item in the Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency entitled “Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, Inc.,” and (iii) appropriating such \$3,168,000.00 to such new line item and to existing Outside Agencies and Central Appropriations agency Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc., Freeze Program, and Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation line items, all for the purpose of funding active housing cost relief initiatives serving City residents.

BACKGROUND: During the FY27 budget process, Council elected to apply the remaining Gap Grant funds toward select investments in the Mayor's proposed FY27 budget, freeing up General Fund resources to support Council's own budget amendments. The FY27 Budget Ordinance directs the Administration to introduce this ordinance to implement that plan.

This ordinance transfers the full \$3.168 million in remaining Gap Grant funds — originally allocated in October 2024 — to four housing cost relief initiatives currently serving City residents. Per the text amendments adopted by Council with the FY27 Budget Ordinance, funds are directed as follows:

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Outside Agencies: Reserve for Family Crisis Fund — \$1,000,000

Outside Agencies: Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation (Eviction Diversion Program) — \$1,000,000

Outside Agencies: Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc. (Right to Counsel for Evictions) — \$700,000

Real Estate Freeze Program — \$468,000

Adoption of this ordinance is necessary to ensure continuity of funding for these programs. Without it, the Family Crisis Fund, Eviction Diversion Program, and Right to Counsel for Evictions may face a multi-month funding lapse that would interrupt services to City residents for an extended period of time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: FY27 Budget Sessions and Public Hearings

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: Mayoral Action Plan; Adopted FY27 Budget

FISCAL IMPACT: Allocation and expense of \$3.168 million in remaining Gap Grant funds

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: July 6, 2026

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 27, 2026

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Finance

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Finance, Budget, Housing and Community Development, Human Services, Neighborhood and Community Services.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Ord. No. 2026-063

ATTACHMENTS: Text amendment language from FY27 Adopted Budget

STAFF: Dominic Barrett, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the DCAO for Human Services