



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Education and Human Services Development Standing Committee

January 11, 2024

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: October 12, 2023

Next Meeting: February 8, 2024

Committee Notes

Presentation

1. Needs Assessment for Older Adults – Natasha Houpe, Office of Aging and Disabilities, Program Manager
2. Children's Funding Project Update – Joyce Davis, Council Policy Analyst

Discussion

1. Update from the DCAO of Human Services, Traci DeShazo, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO)
 - o Reserve for Richmond Outdoor & Prosperity Fund Update, Kelly Chopus, Community Volunteer
2. Richmond Public Schools (RPS) and Richmond School Board Updates, Jason Kamras, Richmond Public Schools Superintendent, Stephanie Rizzi, Richmond School Board Chair and Liz Doer, Richmond School Board Vice Chair

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. Ordinance No. 2023-371

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Key Points

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Fulton Montessori School grant contract between the City of Richmond and Fulton Montessori School for the purpose of stabilizing, continuing, and expanding operations of a licensed early childhood care and education program in Fulton Hill.
 - o The ARPA grant contract establishes the working agreement between the City and Fulton Montessori School regarding the use of \$100,000 of the funds in the Child Care and Family Support category.
 - o This ARPA grant will support FMS's transition from preschool and kindergarten program to a full-scope early childhood care and education program to enroll children aged 2 months to 5 years in a mixed income, mixed delivery setting.

Fiscal Impact: The ARPA funding for this grant contract is \$1,000,000.



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2. Ordinance No. 2023-372

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Key Points

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Nurture grant contract between the City of Richmond and The OmMama Resource Center, Inc., doing business as Nurture, for the purpose of developing and promoting a web-based directory containing a searchable database of local pregnancy, birth, and early parenting resources.
 - This is to create a web-based directory that contains a searchable database of local pregnancy, birth and early parenting resources. No such resource currently exists, and families often rely on word-of-mouth to identify much-needed services, programs and resources.
 - The Birth & Early Parenting Resource Directory will serve as a central gateway to facilitate access to community resources for both child-bearing families and professionals that serve child-bearing families.

Fiscal Impact: The Robins Foundation, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Nunnally Foundation have provided financial support for this project.

3. Ordinance No. 2024-002

Patron: Mayor Stoney

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract Southside ReLeaf, a Non-Stock Corporation between the City of Richmond and Southside ReLeaf for the purpose of providing workforce development opportunities through the creation of greenspaces in the southside of the city of Richmond.

4. Ordinance No. 2024-003

Patron: Mayor Stoney

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract Groundwork RVA, Inc. between the City of Richmond and Groundwork RVA, Inc., for the purpose of providing workforce development opportunities through the creation of greenspaces in the southside of the city of Richmond.

5. Ordinance No. 2024-004

Patron: Mayor Stoney

- To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract Virginia Community Voice, a Non-Stock Corporation between the City of Richmond and Virginia Community Voice for the purpose of providing workforce development opportunities through the creation of greenspaces in the southside of the city of Richmond.

Key Points

- The three papers Ordinance No. 2024-002; Ordinance No. 2024-003; and Ordinance No. 2024-004 are for the approval of grant agreements with nonprofits Groundwork RVA, Southside ReLeaf and Virginia Community Voice.



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- The Grant Contracts between the City of Richmond and the three vendors are for the purpose of providing workforce development opportunities through the creation of greenspaces in the Southside of Richmond.
- The City is the recipient of a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for the purposes of providing five accessible greenspaces in the Southside of Richmond while offering workforce development opportunities to the community throughout the creation of said greenspaces.
- The U.S. Department of Labor awarded the City the funds on April 24, 2023.

Fiscal Impact: The City is the recipient of a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for the purposes of providing five accessible greenspaces in the Southside of Richmond while offering workforce development opportunities to the community throughout the creation of said greenspaces.

Looking Ahead and Follow up Information

- In February, the Report from the Children's Funding Project will be presented on the "Fiscal Mapping Analysis of Funding for Children Services". The report will be provided to the Education Human Services (EHS) Standing Committee and also to School Board members.