

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rebecca Vinroot, Director of Social Services

SUBJECT: Grant Award - Virginia Homeless Solutions Program COVID-19 Emergency Shelter Operations Funds - \$22,183

The James City County Social Services Housing Unit (Housing) is designated as a Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) Partner by the Greater Virginia Peninsula Housing 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).

In an effort to continue responding to the COVID-19 crisis, the GVPHC has been awarded \$110,913 in “Wave 2” COVID-19 emergency response funding by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Emergency Shelter Operations. As a designated Partner, Housing has received an allocation from the GVPHC award of \$22,183 for direct services in the Upper Peninsula.

As part of the acceptance of these funds, the GVPHC has agreed to follow Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance for prioritizing the use of these funds and therefore has committed to only use these funds to cover the costs associated with emergency, non-congregate sheltering, and supplies for individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Test positive for COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization, but need isolation or quarantine (including those exiting from hospitals);
- Have been exposed to COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization, but need isolation or quarantine; and
- Persons needing social distancing as a precautionary measure, as determined by public health officials, particularly for high-risk groups such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, and/or chronic disease).

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to authorize acceptance of these additional emergency funds and the use of these funds in the administration of emergency shelter operations related to the COVID-19 crisis.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Notice of Award