

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rebecca Vinroot, Director of Social Services

SUBJECT: Grant Award - COVID-19 Urgent Need Program Community Development Block Grant - \$348,104

On June 9, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized an application for Urgent Need Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The funding will be used to help stabilize Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) households financially impacted by job loss, furlough, or reduced hours as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and who may face eviction or utility cutoff as a direct result of unpaid rent and or utilities.

On June 24, 2020, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development announced that James City County has been awarded \$348,104 in Urgent Need CDBG funding. This funding will allow the County to undertake a one year, COVID-19 Urgent Need Rent and Utility payment program, to provide financial payment and counseling assistance expected to benefit up to 54 low-and moderate-income renter households throughout the County.

Funding will be used to provide rent and or utility payments to eligible households for up to three months. Additionally, housing and financial counseling services will be available to eligible households for up to six months from application approval.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to authorize acceptance of these Urgent Need CDBG funds and the use of these funds in the administration of Rent and Utility assistance related to the COVID-19 crisis.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. UNOS COVID-19 Contract Negotiation Record