

CITY OF HARRISONBURG



November 25, 2025 City Council Meeting

Title

Consider a supplemental appropriation for the Economic Development Department for funds received from the Virginia Commonwealth Opportunity Fund — Larry Propst, Department of Finance

Summary

This supplemental appropriation request will appropriate \$500,000 from the Virginia Commonwealth Opportunity Fund (COF).

Recommendation

Option 1. Approve the supplemental appropriation.

Fiscal Impact

This supplemental appropriation will increase the General Fund budget by \$500,000.

Context & Analysis

The City was awarded Commonwealth Opportunity Funds in 2021 in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth of Virginia to be passed through to Shenandoah Valley Organic (SVO)/Farmer Focus to incentivize construction of their production facility on Acorn Drive in the City and the creation of new production jobs. SVO/Farmer Focus has satisfied the requirements of the grant by investing +\$60 million and creating over 950 new jobs in Harrisonburg in the past five years. As a result, SVO/Farmer Focus is now entitled to receive this \$500,000 funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia. This funding must be appropriated into the City's budget in order for the funds to be distributed to SVO. The funds will first be provided to the Harrisonburg Economic Development Authority before final distribution to SVO.

Options

1. Approve the supplemental appropriation request
2. Do not approve the supplemental appropriation request

Attachments

1. Supplemental Appropriation