

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2000
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Doug Powell, Assistant Community Services Manager
SUBJECT: Appropriation of Funds - Fatherhood Grant

Last year, the Greater Williamsburg Fatherhood Coalition received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the State. The Coalition, which consists of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Community Action Agency, Colonial Community Corrections, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Office of Community Services, has been awarded \$18,000 this year.

The purpose of the grant is to improve parenting skills of fathers in the community. Most of last year's funds were used to fund the position of Fatherhood Resource Coordinator, who worked for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. During the past year, the Fatherhood Resource Coordinator worked individually with several fathers in the community and began a program with fathers who are held in the Juvenile Detention Center.

This year's funds will be used by Big Brothers/Big Sisters to continue funding the position of Fatherhood Resource Coordinator and for related materials and operating supplies. The other agencies comprising the Coalition will continue to provide supportive services such as job counseling, job readiness training, and life skills training.

James City County is the fiscal agent and therefore the Board must appropriate the funds. Staff recommends approval of the resolution appropriating \$18,000 for the Fatherhood Grant.

Doug Powell

CONCUR:

Anthony Conyers, Jr.

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Attachment