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Financial Assistance to Community Human Services Organizations (49200)	\$29,665,423	\$26,415,423
Payments to Human Services Organizations (49204)	\$29,665,423	\$26,415,423
Fund Sources:		
General	\$29,665,423	\$26,415,423

Authority: § [32.1-2](#), Code of Virginia.

A.1. Out of this appropriation, \$3,232,946 the first year and \$3,232,946 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with Families Forward. In the event that the Families Forward changes its name; the provisions of this item shall apply to the successor organization provided that the required program purposes outlined in paragraph A.2. through A.4. are still achieved.

2. The purpose of the program is to develop, expand, and operate a network of local public-private partnerships providing comprehensive care coordination, family support and preventive medical and dental services to low-income, at-risk children.

3. The general fund appropriation in this Item for the Families Forward projects shall not be used for administrative costs.

4. Families Forward shall continue to pursue raising funds and in-kind contributions from local communities. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Families Forward program increases its efforts to raise funds from local communities and other private or public sources with the goal of reducing reliance on general fund appropriations in the future.

5. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph A.1., \$24,679 the first year and \$24,679 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with CHIP of Roanoke and shall be used as matching funds to support three full-time equivalent public health nurse positions to services in the Roanoke Valley and Allegheny Highlands.

B. Out of this appropriation \$53,241 the first year and \$53,241 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. to promote the health of women in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax County, and Falls Church, to prevent illness and injury and provide early treatment for serious health conditions. The contract with Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services Inc. (ANHSI) shall require that ANHSI provide comprehensive women's health care with a focus on preventative health services and screenings to low income, uninsured women. Women's health care services shall focus on preventative screenings. Blood pressure screening and body mass index shall be performed at each visit. The organization shall pursue raising funds and in-kind contributions from the local community.

C. Out of this appropriation \$5,982 the first year and \$5,982 the second year from the general fund shall be used to

contract with the Louisa County Resource Council to promote, develop, and encourage activities to deliver community-based services to disadvantaged Louisa County residents. The contract with Louisa County Resource Council shall require that the council provide assistance to income-eligible residents in meeting various needs of the clients including medication assistance, outreach assistance, and medical care referrals by exploring affordable options. The council shall continue to pursue raising funds and in-kind contributions from the local community.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$7,837 the first year and \$7,837 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Olde Towne Medical Center. The contract with Olde Towne Medical Center shall require that the center provide cost effective, comprehensive primary and preventive health care (including obstetrical care) and oral health care to the uninsured, Medicaid, and Medicare residents in the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County. The population served shall include adults and children.

E.1. Out of this appropriation, \$433,750 the first year and \$433,750 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA). The contract with VCHA shall require that the association purchase pharmaceuticals and medically necessary pharmacy supplies, and to provide pharmacy services to low-income, uninsured patients of the Community and Migrant Health Centers throughout Virginia. The uninsured patients served with these funds shall have family incomes no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The amount allocated to each Community and Migrant Health Center shall be determined through an allocation methodology developed by the Virginia Community Healthcare Association. The allocation methodology shall ensure that funds are distributed such that the Community and Migrant Health Centers are able to serve the pharmacy needs of the greatest number of low-income, uninsured persons. The Virginia Community Healthcare Association shall establish accounting and reporting mechanisms to track the disbursement and expenditure of these funds.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Community Healthcare Association. The contract with VCHA shall require that the association expand access to care provided through community health centers.

3. Out of this appropriation, \$2,800,000 the first year and \$2,800,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Community Healthcare Association. The contract with VCHA shall require that the association support community health center operating costs for services provided to uninsured clients. The amount allocated to each Community and Migrant Health Center shall be determined through an allocation methodology developed by the Virginia Community Healthcare Association. The allocation methodology shall ensure that funds are distributed such that the Community and Migrant Health Centers are able to serve the needs of the greatest number of uninsured persons. The Virginia Community Healthcare Association shall establish accounting and reporting mechanisms to track the disbursement and expenditure of these funds.

F.1. Out of this appropriation, \$1,321,400 the first year and \$1,321,400 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC). The contract with VAFCC shall require that the organization purchase pharmaceuticals and medically necessary pharmacy supplies, and to provide pharmacy services to low-income, uninsured patients of the Free Clinics throughout Virginia. The amount allocated to each Free Clinic shall be determined through an allocation methodology developed by the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. The allocation methodology shall ensure that funds are distributed such that the Free Clinics are able to serve the pharmacy needs of the greatest number of low-income, uninsured adults. The Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics shall establish accounting and reporting mechanisms to track the disbursement and expenditure of these funds.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC). The contract with VAFCC shall require the organization to expand access to health care services.

3. Out of this appropriation, \$5,300,000 the first year and \$5,300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be

used to contract with the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (VAFCC). The contract with VAFCC shall require that the organization support free clinic operating costs for services provided to uninsured clients. The amount allocated to each free clinic shall be determined through an allocation methodology developed by the Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. The allocation methodology shall ensure that funds are distributed such that the free clinics are able to serve the needs of the greatest number of uninsured persons. The Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics shall establish accounting and reporting mechanisms to track the disbursement and expenditure of these funds.

G. Out of this appropriation, \$29,303 the first year and \$29,303 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with HealthWorks of Herndon. The contract with HealthWorks of Herndon (HWH) shall require that HWH provide treatment and prevention services, including health care services and mental health counseling, to low income and uninsured adults and children residing in the communities of Herndon, Reston, Chantilly, and Centreville in Fairfax County. These services shall include comprehensive primary health care with integrated behavioral health care to adult and children, prescription medications, diagnostic and lab testing, specialty referrals, and preventive screenings. Children's services shall include school physicals and sports physicals. Patients will also have access to oral health care through HealthWorks Dental Program.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$164,758 the first year and \$164,758 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Southwest Virginia Graduate Medical Education Consortium. The contract with Southwest Virginia Graduate Medical Education (GMEC) shall require GMEC to create and support medical residency preceptor sites in rural and underserved communities in Southwest Virginia.

I. Out of this appropriation, \$355,555 the first year and \$355,555 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the regional AIDS resource and consultation centers and one local early intervention and treatment center.

J. Out of this appropriation, \$57,963 the first year and \$57,963 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Arthur Ashe Health Center in Richmond. The contract with the Arthur Ashe Health Center shall require that the center provide HIV early intervention and treatment for HIV infected patients who reside within the City of Richmond.

K. Out of this appropriation, \$10,663 the first year and \$10,663 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Health Brigade for AIDS related services. The contract with the Health Brigade shall require that the clinic provide financial assistance and support groups and conduct an education and outreach program for HIV positive clients in Central Virginia.

L.1. Out of this appropriation, \$4,630,571 the first year and \$4,630,571 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation. The contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) shall require that the general fund shall be matched with local public and private resources and shall be awarded to proposals which enhance access to primary health care for Virginia's uninsured and medically underserved residents, through innovative service delivery models. The foundation, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Health, the Area Health Education Centers program, the Joint Commission on Health Care, and other appropriate organizations, is encouraged to undertake initiatives to reduce health care workforce shortages. The foundation shall account for the expenditure of these funds by providing the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, the State Health Commissioner, and the Chairman of the Joint Commission on Health Care with a certified audit and full report on the foundation's initiatives and results, including evaluation findings, not later than October 1 of each year for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30.

2. The contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation shall require that on or before October 1 of each year, the foundation shall submit to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees a report on the actual amount, by fiscal year, of private and local government funds

received by the foundation since its inception. The report shall include certification that an amount equal to the state appropriation for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30 has been matched from private and local government sources during that fiscal year.

3. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph L.1., \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF). The contract with VHCF shall require that the general fund shall be provided to the foundation to expand the Pharmacy Connection software program to unserved or underserved regions of the Commonwealth.

4. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph L.1., \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF). The contract with VHCF shall require that the general fund shall be used to contract with the foundation for the Rx Partnership to improve access to free medications for low-income Virginians.

5. Of this appropriation, from the amounts in paragraph L.1., \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF). The contract with VHCF shall require that the general fund be provided to the foundation to increase the capacity of the Commonwealth's health safety net providers to expand services to unserved or underserved Virginians. Of this amount, (i) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the second year shall be used to underwrite service expansions and/or increase the number of patients served at existing sites or at new sites, (ii) \$1,350,000 the first year and \$1,350,000 the second year shall be used for Medication Assistance Coordinators who provide outreach assistance, and (iii) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year shall be made available for locations with existing medication assistance programs.

M.1. Out of this appropriation, \$1,272,313 the first year and \$1,272,313 the second year from the general fund shall be used to support the administration of the patient level data base, including the outpatient data reporting system. The department shall establish a contract for this service.

2. Out of this appropriation from the amounts in paragraph M.1., \$1,025,000 the first year and \$1,025,000 the second year from the general fund the second year shall be used to contract with the Virginia All Payer Claims Database.

3. The Virginia Department of Health shall amend its contracts with Virginia Health Information requiring the organization to develop a strategic plan to expand the Emergency Department Care Coordination Program to a statewide comprehensive health information exchange making pertinent data available to all verified providers and the state including the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The plan shall address how to appropriately and securely share data in order to facilitate care, improve continuity, and reduce costly duplicate testing and procedures. The plan shall prioritize connection to the Virginia Department of Health for hospital admission data as soon as possible to contribute to accurate COVID reporting and response.

N. Out of this appropriation, \$402,712 the first year and \$402,712 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Health Wagon. The contract with the Health Wagon shall require the organization to provide summer outreach programs to low-income and uninsured individuals living in southwest Virginia.

O. Out of this appropriation, \$105,000 the first year and \$105,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Statewide Sickle Cell Chapters of Virginia (SSCCV). The contract with SSCCV shall require that the general fund shall be used to provide for grants to community-based programs that provide patient assistance, education, and family-centered support for individuals suffering from sickle cell disease. The SSCCV shall develop criteria for distributing these funds including specific goals and outcome measures. A report shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees detailing program outcomes by October 1 of each year.

P. Out of this appropriation, \$141,280 the first year and \$141,280 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Virginia Dental Health Foundation for the Mission of Mercy (M.O.M.) dental project. The contract with the Virginia Dental Health Foundation for the Mission of Mercy (M.O.M.) dental project shall require the Foundation to conduct Mission of Mercy (M.O.M) Projects that provide no cost dental services in identified underserved areas.

Q. Out of this appropriation, \$32,559 the first year and \$32,559 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Community Health Center of the Rappahannock Region to provide medical, dental, and behavioral health services to low income and/or uninsured residents in the Rappahannock region. The contract with the center shall require the center to include acute and chronic disease management services, lab and diagnostic services, medication assistance, physical examinations, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, immunizations, women's health services (including family planning and pap smears), preventive and restorative dental services, and behavioral health services.

R. Out of this appropriation, \$4,071,750 the first year and \$1,571,750 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the Hampton Roads Proton Beam Therapy Institute at Hampton University, LLC. The contract with Hampton Roads Proton Beam Therapy Institute shall require that the institute support efforts for proton therapy in the treatment of cancerous tumors with fewer side effects.

S.1. Out of this appropriation, \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Special Olympics Virginia for the Special Olympics Healthy Athlete Program.

2. Out of this appropriation, \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Special Olympics Virginia for Unified Champion Schools.

T. Out of this appropriation, \$600,000 the first year and \$600,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to contract with the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital (RSMH) for obstetrical healthcare services. The contract shall require that the RSMH provide obstetrical services to the residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

U. Out of this appropriation, \$393,801 the first year and \$393,801 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to develop a new data collection program to address prescription drug price transparency, pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 2007, 2021 Special Session I. The department shall establish a contract for this service.

V. Out of this appropriation, \$700,289 the first year and \$700,289 the second year from the general fund shall be used to contract with the ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation to facilitate the provision of pediatric cancer support services by pediatric cancer treatment centers in Virginia.

W. The Virginia Department of Health shall contract with the Virginia Center for Health Innovation for actions necessary to facilitate and continue the work of the Virginia Task Force on Primary Care. The purpose of the task force is to enhance the financing, quality and delivery of primary care in the Commonwealth. The task force shall continue work on: (i) building stakeholder coalitions; (ii) advancing the use of data/communication systems; (iii) defining payment models; (iv) describing primary care infrastructure; (v) identifying markers of high value care; and (vi) promoting innovations in telehealth.

X. Out of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association for ALS assistance including support for a durable medical equipment loan program, multidisciplinary ALS clinics, adaptive communication programming, transportation stipends, and grants for respite care.

Y. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to Samaritan House to support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking,

and homelessness in Southeast Virginia.