



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

APRIL 20, 2026  
7:30 PM

## [Zoom Link](#)

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### I. BUDGET WORK SESSION

1. Budget Work Session — Misc. — Grants & Contributions / CARES / Greenbelt Cinema

Suggested Action:

- Introductions — 10 minutes (7:30-7:40 pm)
- Council Discussion — [Proposed FY 2027 Budget](#) — 60 minutes (7:40–8:40 pm)
  - Section 9 Miscellaneous Funds — Grants & Contributions — (Pages 246)
  - Section 7 CARES — (Pages 191–206)
  - Greenbelt Cinema
- Questions and Answers — 35 minutes (8:40-9:15 pm)
- Other Items — 15 minutes (9:15-9:30 pm)
  - Information Items

### II. SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION

2. Special Meeting/Closed Session — Personnel Matters

# April 20, 2026, Misc Grants & Contributions, CARES, Greenbelt Cinema

## Council Questions

- Pg. 246 - Where do we document how much space recognition groups are using community center space and/or other facilities? What percentage is this in comparison to other groups that pay for space?

*Answer: Look at the chart on page 231*

- Pg. 248 - Why is the additional \$25K needed for the Cinema beyond the fact that we funded it last year?

*Answer: The understanding from last year was that the annual contribution would be increased to \$75,000 going forward, as it had not been increased/adjusted for inflation in quite some time.*

- Pg. 249 - Are the Swim Team and the Concert Band aware their funding is being reduced?

*Answer: FY27 Recognition Group funding has not been determined. However, once City Council adopted the FY27 Budget, all recognition groups are notified of their grant award.*

- Line item 69 - Have we received requests from Gives, Meals on Wheels, Greater Washington Ear? Are they aware of the date of our work session?

*Answer: Yes, all groups mentioned above have submitted their requests.*

- Line item 70 Is the year-to-date/actual figure correct?

*Answer: FY27 Total Grants and Groups does not include recognition groups. This total will be updated once the budget is adopted.*

- Pg. 193 - Do we have remaining bilingual staff on the CARES team, even if they are not specifically designated as such?

*Answer: There are currently 2 bilingual clinical staff at CARES. The GAIL program has one bilingual classified staff person and 2 bilingual staff who are ARPA funded.*

- Pg. 193 - In the Assistance in Living section for Auth FY 2025 should it be 3.0 FTEs and the same for FY 2026?

*Answer: The ARPA funded position of Community Case Manager was decreased to part time in FY26. The position was split to offer the Police CIT a part time case manager in FY26.*

- Pg. 195 - Which of the grant positions have already been funded or are likely to be funded?

*Answer: CARES anticipates receiving the County Department of Family Services Grant which funds the Delinquency Prevention Counselor (PT), Community Mental Health Counselor (PT) and Group Facilitator (PT). The Service Coordination Assistant and Senior Mental Health Provider are funded from GRH Budget to serve GRH residents. The hours the Senior Mental Health Counselor was funded by ARPA funds will be ending. The Community Health Coordinator position is uncertain as it was partially funded through ARPA and the SASS grant.*

- Pg. 198 - Can you provide a bit more information on how applying for 501(c) status will benefit the city and residents?

*Answer: This would allow the City to apply for social service grants offered to non-profit 501(C) organizations. Currently these often do not allow City governments to apply. For example, to apply to the Greenbelt Community Foundation an organization must be a non-profit.*

- Pg. 198 - Securing a 501(3) designation for a CARES Foundation or Fund should be a high priority, pursued ASAP.

*Answer: Director and Assistant Director are exploring what is needed for this to occur and working with Grants Manager as this is pursued.*

- Pg. 199 - How many of the eviction relief requests were we able to respond and provide assistance?

*Answer: In FY 24 there were still some ARPA funds and 16 residents were assisted using ARPA Funds, 26 residents assisted with donated funds for a total of 42*

*In FY 25 19 residents were assisted with donated funds*

*FY 26 (YTD) 33 residents have been assisted with funds from City Council and donations*

- Pg. 200 - It looks like there is an increase for college tuition this year? Do you anticipate this staying at this level in upcoming years or will it continue to go up and down?

*Answer: This amount is based on anticipated staff requests for this benefit and thus will fluctuate.*

- Pg. 204 - What is the status of the HUD funding? Are we being reimbursed in a timely fashion?

*Answer: Congress has approved program funding for the FY 2026 budget year (January – December 2026). Unfortunately changes in leadership at the HUD grant office have postponed the grant process from starting for 2026. We can not request reimbursement until this occurs.*

## Resident Questions:

- Pg. 199–Performance Measures. Has the Parenting Group been disbanded? If so, why?

*Answer: CARES has unfortunately not been able to successfully fill Parenting Classes offered. CARES is working with SHLE to pursue offering Parenting Class at the School.*

- Eviction Relief Requests have decreased a great deal. Why? But Requests for Service have greatly increased. Are client needs changing and possible reasons why?

*Answer: The Eviction Relief fund is supported solely through donations from local faith communities and individuals and a county council grant. The number of requests annually has been about 250 for last several years. In FY26 Council designated funds for this purpose which increased the number of residents served. We listed an estimated 200 in 2027 based on calculation of 16 a month or 4 requests a week.*

- Pg. 203–Are there no team highlights to point out?

*Answer: Team Highlights for the Service Coordination Program will be listed.*

- P. 204–Service Coordination Program Line E45, Membership and Training, why is there such a large increase for FY 27?

*Answer: This increase is believed to be an estimated addition for college tuition reimbursement, which is a City benefit offered to classified employees. The Budget per HUD grant is estimate is \$2500.*

- Revenue Sources— Why did the City receive a much greater HUD grant than expected in FY 26?

*Answer: The HUD grant for FY2026 is not larger than past years. The increase reflected in FY2027 budget is due to addition to membership and training benefit being added.*

- Last year, it was noted that there were 28 frail and at-risk GRH residents being helped with extra services. This year there are 40. Green Ridge House was not meant to be an assisted-living facility. Is this policy now difficult to maintain? What changes in staffing and resources might be needed in the future? When do we draw the line, as difficult as that might be?

*Answer: HUD allows for residents to age in place with assistance up to and including live in support. It is only when a resident is ineligible for programs and services or has exhausted their personal finances and therefore cannot access needed services will a higher level of care be pursued with the resident, their sponsor or family. This has always been the reality of Green Ridge House. The numbers over the year have ebbed and flowed based on the resident population.*

- In FY 24, it was noted that the Police Crisis Intervention Team responded to 28 mental health crises at GRH. What was the number last year?

- *Answer: CARES does not track this number. The Police CIT may be better able to answer this question.*



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland*, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, immediately following the Budget Work Session – Misc./Grants and Contributions/CARES/Greenbelt Cinema: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction.

2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

*\* The public may attend the Budget Work Session prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, April 20, 2026.*

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