



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

Re: Voluntary Action Center Round 3 CDBG-CV and City Reserves Funding Agreements

## Executive Summary

Attached for City Council consideration is a resolution authorizing a Round 3 CDBG-CV funding agreement and City reserves funding agreement between the City of Columbia and the Voluntary Action Center to provide \$230,000 in additional rent assistance to low-income residents in the City. Council approved \$220,000 in CDBG-CV funds in February as part of an amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. A further \$10,000 in City Reserves was added to the rent assistance service as one of several Public Assistance recommendations discussed by the City Council on April 19, 2021 and included in Council Bill B164-21 at the May 17, 2021 City Council meeting appropriating the City reserves.

## Discussion

The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) provides connections and resources for health, employment, education and housing for low-income residents of Boone County. The City Council previously allocated \$270,000 in Round 1 CDBG-CV funds to VAC to carry out rent assistance. After the City received an allocation of \$737,588 in special Community Development Block Grant funds, known as Round 3 CDBG-CV, the Voluntary Action Center was among several organizations submitting proposals in response to a Request for Proposals issued by the Housing Programs Office in the fall. VAC requested \$230,000.00 in CDBG-CV funds to administer additional rent assistance in the community. The organization will use the \$230,000 to assist approximately 60 households and 150 persons in need.

After reviewing all applications and conducting a public hearing on December 16, 2021, the Columbia Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) recommended \$220,000 in CDBG-CV funding for this activity. There was a grand total of more than \$1.7 million sought by all organizations and proposed services, with only \$797,588 available to award (the total included \$737,588 in Round 3 CDBG-CV and \$60,000 in reprogrammed funds).

On April 19, 2021, City Council directed the use of \$1.3 million (subsequently amended to \$1.5 million) in City reserve funds to be allocated to Public Assistance, with the result that all organizations that submitted proposals for Round 3 CDBG-CV funding would receive their original requested amounts. Therefore an additional \$10,000 in City funds is allocated to VAC to fully fund its rent assistance service.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$10,000.00 in FY 2021 City budget reserves. An additional \$220,000 in federal funds is provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)  
Long-Term Impact:

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Economy, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Economic Development

## Legislative History

Date	Action
February 1, 2021	Public hearing Amendment #4 FY 2019 Annual Action Plan; approval of resolution adopting Plan (Authorized initial allocations of Round 3 CDBG-CV funding)
April 19, 2021	Report on Potential Uses of Reserve Funds
May 17, 2021	Bill Authorizing Appropriating Funds for Round 3 CDBG-CV Public Assistance Programs, etc.

## Suggested Council Action

Approval of the resolution.