

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 16, 2021

Re: The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, Inc. 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 and a City reserves funding agreement between the City of Columbia and the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, Inc. ("Food Bank") to provide supplemental food to low-income residents in the City. Council approved \$121,000 in CDBG-CV funds in February as part of an amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. A further \$13,740.70 in City Reserves was added to the supplemental food service, and the CDBG-CV allocation was increased to \$123,000, 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 Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri is a regional disaster and hunger relief network that acquires and distributes food to partner agencies within a 32-county area. After the City received an allocation of \$737,588 in special Community Development Block Grant funds, known as Round 3 CDBG-CV, the Food Bank was among several organizations submitting proposals in response to a Request for Proposals issued by the Housing Programs Office in the fall. The Food Bank requested \$136,740.70 in CDBG-CV funds to provide supplemental food to low-income residents of Columbia.

After reviewing all applications and conducting a public hearing on December 16, 2021, the Columbia Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) recommended \$121,000 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 \$13,740.70 in City funds, and an increase of CDBG-CV to \$123,000, is allocated to the Food Bank to fully fund its supplemental food service.



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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 attached resolution.