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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

Re: Salvation Army Round 3 CDBG-CV and City Reserves Funding Agreement

Executive Summary

Attached for City Council consideration is a resolution authorizing a Round 3 CDBG-CV and City reserves funding agreement between the City of Columbia and the Salvation Army to provide \$94,708.59 to support expansion of emergency and transitional shelter for the homeless. Council approved \$50,000 in CDBG-CV funds in February as part of an amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. A further \$44,708.59 in City Reserves was added to the shelter project 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 Salvation Army provides shelter for the homeless at its Harbor House, 602 North Ann St. After the City received an allocation of \$737,588 in special Community Development Block Grant funds, known as Round 3 CDBG-CV, the Salvation Army was among several organizations submitting proposals in response to a Request for Proposals issued by the Housing Programs Office in the fall. The organization requested \$94,708.59 in CDBG-CV funds to expand its homeless shelter capacity. The expanded facility will provide temporary shelter for approximately 375 persons during the year.

After reviewing all applications and conducting a public hearing on December 16, 2021, the Columbia Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) recommended \$50,000 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 \$44,708.59 in City funds is allocated to the Salvation Army to fully fund its shelter expansion request.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$44,708.59.00 in FY 2021 City budget reserves. An additional \$50,000 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.