



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - CDBG/Home

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

Re: Love Columbia City Reserves Funding Agreement

Executive Summary

Attached for City Council consideration is a resolution authorizing a City Reserves funding agreement between the City of Columbia and Love Columbia to provide \$200,000 for the acquisition of a home to be used as transitional shelter for families with children experiencing homelessness. The Council added \$200,000 in City reserves to the transitional housing request 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

Love Columbia provides assistance with basic needs to residents of Columbia. After the City received an allocation of \$737,588 in special Community Development Block Grant funds, known as Round 3 CDBG-CV, Love Columbia 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 \$200,000 in CDBG-CV funds to purchase a house to use as transitional housing for families with children experiencing homelessness. Love Columbia identified a location on St. Joseph Street for the purchase. Acquisition will enable them to provide transitional housing and financial assistance to families with children for four to six months at a time.

After reviewing all applications and conducting a public hearing on December 16, 2021, the Columbia Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) did not recommend the use of Round 3 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 \$200,000 in City funds is allocated to Love Columbia to fully fund its transitional housing acquisition request.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$200,000.00 in FY 2021 City budget reserves.

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.