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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 4, 2018

Re: Transfer of \$4,000 from the Council Reserve fund to the Community Development Department for a speaker at a Fair Housing Task Force Public Engagement Event

Executive Summary

This legislation would allow the transfer of Fiscal Year 2018 Council Reserve funds to the Community Development Department to provide funding for a speaker, tentatively Tiffany Manuel, at a Fair Housing Task Force public engagement event that will be held in Fiscal Year 2019, tentatively November 29, 2018.

Discussion

The City of Columbia is classified by HUD as an Entitlement Community and Participating Jurisdiction due to its population and demographics, and therefore receives an annual formula based allocation of CDBG and HOME funding. Entitlement communities are mandated by HUD to meet federal requirements to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH), and current HUD regulations require the City of Columbia to complete and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), which should include meaningful public engagement of populations most impacted by fair housing laws and ordinances, as part of planning for its 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

The Council approved a resolution authorizing the Fair Housing Task Force on February 19, 2018 to ensure a robust and meaningful public engagement process, and one of the Fair Housing Task Force purposes included in that resolution was to "assist City staff in designing and conducting a public engagement process to evaluate and provide guidance on fair housing needs." The Fair Housing Task Force has approved a work plan, which includes a public engagement event to potentially be held in November.

At the August 20, 2018 Council Meeting, Council Member Mike Trapp requested \$4,000 be transferred from the Fiscal Year 2018 Council Reserve fund to the Community Development Department to cover the cost of a speaker, tentatively Tiffany Manuel, at a Fair Housing Task Force public engagement event that will be held in Fiscal Year 2019, tentatively November 29, 2018.

As of the writing of this memo, \$91,000 is available in the Council Reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2018, and only one other proposal for the use of those funds has been mentioned by Council, and that is for an amount of \$30,000. If Council authorizes this transfer of \$4,000 to the Community Development Department along with the other \$30,000 for another use, the fund will still have a balance of \$57,000 for other potential uses.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$4,000

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
February 19, 2018	R24-18A – Establishing the Fair Housing Task Force
June 18, 2018	R91-18 - Amending Resolution No. 24-18A which established the Fair Housing Task Force to add two (2) additional task force members

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution if Council would like to provide this \$4,000 in funding for a speaker for the public engagement event to be held by the Fair Housing Task Force.