



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: Rock the Community 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 the Rock the Community to provide \$20,500 for vocational training activities. The \$20,500 in City Reserves was allocated to Rock the Community's vocational training 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

Rock the Community provides services to empower youth, including job readiness, financial literacy, rental assistance, and mentoring. After the City received an allocation of \$737,588 in special Community Development Block Grant funds, known as Round 3 CDBG-CV, Rock the Community 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 \$20,500 in CDBG-CV funds to provide job training in the community. The organization will use the \$20,500 to provide training for 200 persons.

After reviewing all applications and conducting a public hearing on December 16, 2021, the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) did not recommend 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 \$20,500 in City funds is allocated to VAC to fully fund its rent assistance service.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$20,500 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.