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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 18, 2022

Re: Setting a public hearing: Home Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Funding Allocation Recommendation

Executive Summary

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$2,161,654 in HOME-ARP (Home Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan) funds to the City of Columbia. The Housing Programs Division administers the HOME program for the City of Columbia. Housing Programs received one project proposal. The Columbia Housing Authority proposes to construct 24 affordable housing units, known as Kinney Point, at the northeast corner of Garth & Sexton. Approval of the attached resolution will set a public hearing to consider an amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan on February 21, 2022 that allocates the HOME-ARP funds and establishes a public comment period of 15 days.

Discussion

On March 11, 2021 President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) into law. Congress appropriated \$5 billion of the \$1.9 trillion ARP funds to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The City of Columbia was awarded \$2,161,654 in HOME-ARP funding. Eligible HOME-ARP projects include the construction of rental housing and must primarily benefit homeless and/or at risk for homelessness populations.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided HOME-ARP guidance in September 2021. On October 11, 2021 the Housing Programs Division sent a list of consultation questions to thirty-six local agencies and organizations that work with homeless and at-risk for homelessness populations. A consistent theme of responses was a lack of affordable housing in the City of Columbia. On October 26, 2021 a pre-application workshop was held for local agencies to learn more about eligible HOME-ARP projects and beneficiaries.

On November 3, 2021 the Housing and Community Development Commission held a public hearing at City Hall to hear from local agencies, organizations, and citizens about needs and barriers that exists in the community in regards to homeless and at-risk for homelessness populations. Housing Programs Division release an RFP on November 8, 2021 seeking eligible HOME-ARP project proposals.

On December 15, 2021 the Housing and Community Development Commission heard one project proposal from the Columbia Housing Authority. CHA is seeking \$2,000,000 in HOME-ARP funds to construct 24 affordable housing units at the corner of Garth and Sexton, known as Kinney Point. The commission unanimously recommended fully funding the project.

The remaining \$161,654 in HOME-ARP is designated for administration funds.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$2,161,654 in previously approved funding allocations

Long-Term Impact: Enter the cost of proposed legislation to the city for years **beyond two**.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive Community, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy, Tertiary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
3/11/2021	President Biden signs the American Rescue Plan into law
10/11/2021	Housing Programs seeks consultation with 36 local agencies on barriers for homeless and at-risk for homelessness populations
11/3/2021	Housing and Community Development Commission holds a public hearing to hear from local agencies, organizations, and citizens on homeless and at-risk for homelessness.
12/15/2021	Housing and Community Development Commission recommends funding the Columbia Housing Authority \$2,000,000 in HOME-ARP funds for 24 unit affordable housing project.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution setting a public hearing for February 21, 2022.