



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2024

Re: Voluntary Action Center – Opportunity Campus

Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between Voluntary Action Center and the City of Columbia, MO.

Discussion

The City of Columbia received \$25.2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. On October 2, 2023, the City Council approved a resolution that instructed staff to negotiate agreements for Council consideration utilizing the ARPA funds. This agreement with Voluntary Action Center - Opportunity Campus addresses one of the priority areas, homelessness. Under this agreement, Voluntary Action Center will construct a nonprofit social service agency at 1300 Bowling Street to provide supportive services to unhoused and low income persons. The agreement is for \$3,000,000.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This would issue \$3,000,000 for a project which is funded with City ARPA funds.

Long-Term Impact: none.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy, Tertiary Impact: Safe Community

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
10/02/2023	R154-23 A Resolution Allocating \$25,284,624.00 in American Rescue Plan Funds and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate any agreements or other documents consistent with such allocations https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6366252&GUID=243DA7BA-32C5-4F34-BA37-E71A75032C5E&Options=ID Text &Search=154-23

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.