



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 6, 2022

Re: Expressing Support for Replacement of Downtown Public Housing Units on Park Avenue and the Columbia Housing Authority's Associated Application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for Low-income Housing Tax Credits

Executive Summary

At the request of the Columbia Housing Authority (CHA), a resolution has been prepared expressing support for CHA's application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for nine percent (9%) low-income housing tax credits for the replacement of existing downtown public housing units on Park Avenue.

Discussion

The Columbia Housing Authority must file an application for low-income housing tax credits with the Missouri Housing Development Commission for replacement of downtown public housing units on Park Avenue on or before September 23, 2022. If the Park Avenue project is selected for an award, a total of seventy-nine (79) family site units will be constructed.

A resolution of support for this application will reinforce the City Council's priority for renovating and preserving public housing in Columbia. In addition, the Missouri Housing Development Commission gives serious consideration to the demonstration of community support when approving applications for low-income housing tax credits. CHA has requested that the City Council rank the replacement of downtown public housing units on Park Avenue as the highest priority low-income housing tax credit project for the City of Columbia for this year.

The Columbia Housing Authority also requests that the City of Columbia allocate \$2 million in ARPA funding to assist with the construction of the Park Avenue public housing project. This request can be considered by the City Council as part of the Council's review and approval of the FY 2023 annual budget.

Correspondence from the Columbia Housing Authority is attached.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: CHA requests a City budget allocation of \$2 million in ARPA funding to assist with the project, as recommended in the draft Comprehensive Homeless Service Center Plan submitted by the Columbia Housing Authority.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive Community, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

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| | The City Council has previously expressed support for the Columbia Housing Authority's applications for low-income housing tax credits to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for the Stuart Parker, Paquin Tower, Bear Creek, Oak Towers, Bryant Walkway, Bryant Walkway II, Providence Walkway and Kinney Point public housing renovation projects. |

Suggested Council Action

Should the City Council be in support of the Columbia Housing Authority's application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for low-income housing tax credits, the resolution should be adopted.