



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: February 5, 2024

Re: Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement for services between Columbia Chamber of Commerce 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 Columbia Chamber of Commerce addresses one of the priority areas, workforce development/support. Under this agreement, Columbia Chamber of Commerce will provide the World of Works and Show-Me Careers program. World of Works program aims to close the gap between the amount of available positions and the amount of skilled workers by ensuring youth have the opportunity to learn about existing and emerging career path opportunities. The Show-Me Careers program is designed to connect educators, counselors, and administrators with business leaders to build a system for youth to explore career opportunities. The agreement is for \$631,000 and will end on January 31, 2027.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This would issue \$631,000 for a project which is funded with City ARPA funds.

Long-Term Impact: none.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
10/02/23	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.