



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 19, 2024

Re: Heart of Missouri CASA

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement for services and funding agreement between Heart of Missouri CASA 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. The agreements with Heart of Missouri CASA address one of the priority areas, access to services. Under the funding agreement, Heart of Missouri CASA will design a new CASA headquarters and Children's Activity Center on the agency's property at 2529 N. Stadium. Once the construction is complete it will provide services for abused and neglected children in Columbia. The agreement is for \$168,500. Under the purchase of services agreement Heart of Missouri CASA will provide professional services and advocacy for children in foster care. The agreement is for \$431,500.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This would issue \$600,000 for a project which is funded with City ARPA funds.

Long-Term Impact: none.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy, Tertiary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, 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. R154-23

Suggested Council Action

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