

Department Source: Housing & Neighborhood Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Re: Accepting a grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development for the 2026 MLK Day of Service; Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Subagreement

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

The Department of Housing & Neighborhood Services applied for grant from SERVMO, formerly the Missouri Community Service Commission, a program of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The grant will support a service project to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The City of Columbia was one of ten grant applications selected in the state.

Discussion

Housing & Neighborhood Services applied for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service grant to SERVMO to continue one of the 2025 Love Your Block mini-grants, the Care Cupboards. Raquel Young was the organizer of the Care Cupboards which distribute menstrual hygiene items at the Boys & Girls Club and the Blind Boone Center. The SERVMO grant is in the amount of \$970 to purchase products that will be packed for the Care Cupboards during a service project on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 19.

The City's Volunteer Programs has offered a The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service project for many years. Litter pickup events have been held at Cosmo Park for more than 10 years, however, the weather in January is not always conducive for litter pickup. Volunteer Programs staff are excited to have another service offering and to support the continued success of a Love Your Block project.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$970

Long-Term Impact: none

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
none	none

Suggested Council Action

Passage of this resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign the grant subagreement.