



# 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: December 4, 2023

Re: Fostering Life-Changing Opportunities

## Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement for services between Fostering Life-Changing Opportunities (Flourish) 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 Fostering Life-Changing Opportunities addresses one of the priority areas, workforce development and support. Under this agreement, Fostering Life-Changing Opportunities aims to advance upward mobility and workforce development through an evidence-based internship and fellowship program for older youth. The goals are to increase psychological safety in community workplaces, increase social connectedness, and improve education, employment and income outcomes. The agreement is for \$100,000 and will end on January 31, 2027.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This would issue \$100,000 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: Inclusive and Equitable Community, 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
10/02/2023	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 <a href="https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6366252&amp;GUID=243DA7BA-32C5-4F34-BA37-E71A75032C5E&amp;Options=ID Text &amp;Search=154-23">https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6366252&amp;GUID=243DA7BA-32C5-4F34-BA37-E71A75032C5E&amp;Options=ID Text &amp;Search=154-23</a>

## Suggested Council Action

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