

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 15, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Interim City Manager
Tiffany Oliva, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

Council Action Requested:
Amendment to October 17, 2022 (Agenda Item C-3); November 14, 2022 (Agenda Item C-2); and January 3, 2023 (Agenda Item C-3) Resolutions Relating to the City’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-Enabled Transformational Grants Program and Four ARPA-Enabled Housing Transformational Grants.

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence
Strategic Objective: No
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City of Winston-Salem accepted and received \$51.7 million through the American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. On January 3, 2023, the City Council approved using the revenue replacement method for about \$49 million of the total funds; herein ARPA-Enabled Funds.

- These ARPA-Enabled Funds provided for the \$10.5 million in Transformational Grants. Fifteen community organizations were awarded funds:
- Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County – There’s No Place Like Home
 - Boston Thurmond Community Network – United Initiative
 - Old Salem Museum and Gardens – Reopening
 - The Salvation Army of Greater Winston-Salem and Forsyth County – Teen Center
 - YMCA of Northwest North Carolina – REACH Center

Committee Action:

Committee	FC 8/15/2023	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- Imprints Cares – Program Support for Family Resource Center for Children with Exceptional Needs
- Acción Hispana dba Qué Pasa – Proyecto Mariposa (Project Butterfly)
- Goler Community Development Corporation/Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce – TechCareers
- IFB Solutions – Job Training and Employment for People Who Are Blind
- Piedmont Environmental Alliance – Green Communities, Green Jobs
- Senior Services – Intergenerational Programs for Arts and Wellness
- Smart Start of Forsyth County – W-S Childcare COVID-19 Relief Fund
- Union Community Development Corporation – Community Life Enhancement Programs
- Crosby Scholars – Community Partnership
- United Health Centers – Providing Access to Healthcare

These ARPA-Enabled Funds also provided funding for \$1,760,000 in Housing Transformational Grants—funded specifically under the Housing Assistance bucket of funds—on November 14, 2022 to four community agencies:

- Boston-Thurmond Community Network – Land Acquisition and Development
- Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church – Christ Rescue Temple Systems Apartments
- S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation – Salem Cohousing Project
- Whole Man Ministries – Housing 4 Our Heroes

Due to the expressed need and challenges of several of these nonprofit agencies, City Management sees the need to provide the grantees an avenue for getting projects initiated effectively through a start-up lump sum of funding/working capital.

This amended item clarifies the authority granted to the City Manager in the October 17, 2022; November 14, 2022; and January 3, 2023 resolutions (“*to execute individual contracts with each of the aforementioned organizations based on the scope of work, listed as a part of the Resolution Attachment, received, and discussed as a part of the Transformational Grants program*” and “*to review and approval final terms and conditions. . . and execute contracts and documents necessary*”) and ratifies the June 22, 2023 Memo to City Council and actions taken by City Management in accordance with such (“*to use [the City Manager’s] discretion to offer City Council-approved Transformational Grant and Housing Transformational grantees that have expressed start-up capital needs an amount not exceeding 25 percent of the grantee’s total award. After expending the initial start-up funds, the nonprofit must provide adequate documentation of expenditure of eligible cost items before moving to a monthly reimbursement basis for the remaining award balance.*”). Further, this item authorizes City Management to amend agreements to reflect such.