

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** November 7, 2022

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

**From:** Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager  
Marla Y. Newman, Community Development Director

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Authorizing the Use of the City’s Allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) to Partner with the Boston-Thurmond Community Network, Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church, S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation, and Whole Man Ministries as Part of the ARPA Housing Transformational Grants Program

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods  
**Strategic Objective:** Expand Housing Assistance Programs  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** Yes  
**Key Work Item:** Yes



**Summary of Information:**

An ARPA investment framework (Exhibit 1) was adopted by the Mayor and City Council, and \$20 million of the \$51.7 million (along with an additional \$10 million from the State) was earmarked to support the preservation and creation of affordable housing.

Applications for the transformational grant program were made available to the community in late March 2022 and remained open through early May. The City received 89 completed applications totaling \$50.7 million in requests for capital and operational funding. Staff reviewed and scored all applications except those received from Forsyth County. Nine applications were for the preservation or development of housing.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Finance 11/7/2022</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>
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**Remarks:**

The attached Exhibit 2 provides the scoring results for the eight City housing applications and highlights of the one application received from Forsyth County.

This item provides the Mayor and City Council with the proposed first round of organizations to be approved as part of the Housing Transformational Grants program. The attached resolution will grant the City Manager the authority to enter into agreements with each organization. Each contract will be established based on the scope of the project submitted in the application, which is attached to the resolution. Agreement execution timing will vary based on each application's scope and each project's individual details. The City Manager will apprise the Mayor and City Council of individual project details, as deemed necessary. The four organizations included in this item are:

- 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

If approved, the cumulative amount of funding will total \$1,760,000 from the housing funds earmarked within the framework. It is noted that the funding recommended for the Boston-Thurmond Community Network represents ten percent (10%) of the amount requested for the project. Additional funding will be recommended as project phases progress. Also, the Mayor and City Council approved funding for Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County in August 2022.

Regular updates will be provided to the Mayor and City Council on the progress of the housing grant program. Future round(s) of organizations to be funded in the Housing Transformational Grants program will be determined following discussions between staff and the Mayor and City Council.

Organizations funded through this process will be required to adhere to all City and U.S. Treasury reporting procedures (quarterly) and must comply with all associated uniform grant guidance provisions imposed by U.S. Treasury, which can be found in 2 CFR Part 200 of the federal code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, areas concerning financial systems, internal controls, accounting practices, competitive purchasing procedures, nondiscrimination policies, ethics/conflict of interest policies, and general cost principles. Additionally, any organization receiving more than \$750,000 in total funding will be subject to federal single audit requirements.

In cases where an organization to be funded by the City is also being funded by the County's ARPA process (or other grantor using federal funding), staff will work with appropriate stakeholders to ensure projects are not "double dipping" and that each agreement clearly states the nature of the funding provided by the City while also differentiating it from other known project funding.