


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-133	Meeting:	March 6, 2023
	Agenda Item:	33, 34	Roll Call:	23-0308
	Submitted by:	Malcolm A. Hankins Assistant City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding agreement with Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC), and ARPA/ Local Option Sales Tax (LOSST) funding agreement with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) for food pantry program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of contracts in amounts not to exceed \$200,000 (ARPA) and \$100,000 LOSST with DMPS, and \$300,000 (ARPA) with DMARC to assist Des Moines residents facing food insecurity by purchasing food and personal hygiene items.

An additional funding agreement is under development with Wesley House (Meals on Wheels) which will cover the balance of ARPA funds allocated to food insecurity. This final agreement is expected to be brought to City Council in late March 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$600,000

Funding Source: \$500,000 ARPA funding, and \$100,000 LOSST.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In March of 2021, the United States government adopted ARPA in response to the continuing intertwined public health and economic crisis created by COVID-19. ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local, and tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery.
- The City of Des Moines was allocated and has received funds in the amount of \$94,824,614 from SLFRF.
- On August 22, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-1359, City Council approved \$1,100,00 in APRA funds for food insecurity.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 22, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1359](#)

Action: [Expenditures](#) of ARPA funds. Moved by Voss to adopt. Second by Sheumaker. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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