


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-164	Meeting:	March 27, 2023
	Agenda Item:	38	Roll Call:	23-405
	Submitted by:	Malcolm A. Hankins Assistant City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding agreement with WesleyLife (Meals on Wheels) to assist Des Moines residents facing food insecurity

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 (ARPA) with WesleyLife to assist Des Moines residents facing food insecurity by renovating the campus, expanding and enhancing commercial kitchen capacity, creating accessible spaces for intergenerational activities, café and creating an indoor hydroponic garden.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$600,000

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

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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