


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number: 23-198	Meeting: April 10, 2023
	Agenda Item: 32	Roll Call: []
	Submitted by: Malcolm A. Hankins Assistant City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Agreement with Homes of Oakridge Human Services, Inc. (Oakridge Neighborhood Services) to implement a summer youth employment and career exploration program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$101,905 (ARPA) with Oakridge Neighborhood Services to implement a summer youth employment and career exploration program for youth between the ages of 13-21.

Oakridge Home Services Inc. seeks to implement the Oak Futures program, a youth employment and career exploration program which would provide for 25 summer youth employment jobs with local for profit, nonprofit and government employers. Program participants will gain insights into careers, companies, trades and industries, including the educational attainment or experience required to gain entry into such fields. The Project provides for an average of 30 hours per week for nine (9) weeks.

The priority demographic for the Project will be racial and ethnic minorities, economically disadvantaged youth, including students at risk of dropping out and not graduating and those with individualized education plans. Participating students and their families will have a household income 250% of the poverty rate or less (\$66,250 for a family of four {4}).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$101,905

Funding Source: ARPA Funding

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On March 11, 2021, Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) to provide relief to combat the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.
- The City has received ARPA funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and the City desires to aid nonprofit organizations to address the disparate inequities that impacted the Des Moines community.

- By Roll Call No. 22-1359, City Council approved \$350,000 in APRA funds for youth programming on August 22, 2022.

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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