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Date February 20, 2023

APPROVING ARPA FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR AN RFP AND RFI PROCESS IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING PRESCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED WRAP AROUND CARE

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines Public Schools (“DMPS”) seeks to expand partial day preschool classes to full day, including wrap around care through a \$1,000 per year per student scholarship for families at 200% of poverty and below, which shall be 3-year grant opportunity to be administered collaboratively with an RFP and RFI process (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project seeks to provide early educational opportunities, including wrap around care, to families in need within the Des Moines community; and

WHEREAS, the Project will serve the public purposes of supporting local public schools, providing educational opportunities to the City’s most financially vulnerable families, and supporting working families with wrap around care opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter in to a ARPA Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) to provide a financial grant in the amount of \$600,000 in support of the Project, to be paid upon DMPS’s award made pursuant to the RFP and RFI process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to expend ARPA federal funds received by the City from the U.S. Department of Treasury, OMB Number 1505-0271, titled Corona Virus Local Fiscal Recover Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
2. The Grant Agreement between the City and DMPS for the Project for a grant not to exceed \$600,000 is hereby approved and, subject to the Legal Department’s approval of the Agreement as to form, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Agreement, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor’s signature.

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(Council Communication No. 23-088)

MOVED by _____ to adopt. Second by _____.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Lisa A. Wieland

Lisa A. Wieland
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
MANDELBAUM				
SHEUMAKER				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, Acting City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

Acting City Clerk