



Date March 27, 2023

APPROVING ARPA FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. (MEALS ON WHEELS) TO ASSIST DES MOINES RESIDENTS FACING FOOD INSECURITY

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, Wesley Community Services, Inc. a/k/a WesleyLife Meals on Wheels (“Agency”) seeks to renovate portions of a new campus located at 3206 University Avenue in Des Moines, including an expanded commercial kitchen for meal preparation and delivery, accessible spaces for intergenerational activities and events, and a café and lower-level hydroponic gardens (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will serve the public purposes of decreasing food insecurity and social isolation for older adults and veterans in need within the City of Des Moines; 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; 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 Agency 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.

(Council Communication No. 23-164)



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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				
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MANDELBAUM				
SHEUMAKER				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
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CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Mayor

City Clerk