



**Roll Call Number**

23-0406

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** March 27, 2023

**APPROVING ARPA FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH HOMEWARD IOWA**

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, the Homeward Iowa (the “Agency”) serves as Polk County’s homelessness planning organization and works to ensure Polk County residents rarely experience homelessness at all, their stay in homelessness is a brief one-time experience when it does occur; and

WHEREAS, the Agency seeks to provide salary and operational costs, through the implementation of an unsheltered study, a Community Caseworker position for two years, which position will be located and supervised by Primary Health Care, and the Agency’s general operations (collectively “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Agency plans to use the funding grant as follows: \$10,000 for the Unsheltered Study performed by Dr. Talbert from Drake University, \$150,000 for a Community Casework position for two years, and \$300,000 for the Agency’s general operations; and

WHEREAS, said unsheltered study yields insights about why residents experience unsheltered homelessness, identify barriers to shelter, and explore long-term solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Community Caseworker position will support residents as they find and maintain permanent housing by connecting individuals with employment and income supports to ensure continued stability in housing; and

WHEREAS, the Project will serve the public purposes of preventing and ending homelessness in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter in to a ARPA Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) to provide a financial grant in the amount of \$460,000 in support of the Project, to be paid within thirty (30) days of the City’s execution of the agreement.

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



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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 \$460,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
2. The Grant Agreement between the City and Homeward Iowa for the Project for a grant not to exceed \$460,000 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. 23-134)

MOVED by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen.

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	6			1

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

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.

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk