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Date April 10, 2023

APPROVING ARPA FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH HOMES OF OAKRIDGE HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES) TO IMPLEMENT A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

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, Homes of Oakridge Human Services, Inc. d/b/a Oakridge Neighborhood Services (“Agency”) implement the Oak Futures program, a youth employment and career exploration program which would provide for twenty-five (25) summer youth employment jobs with local for profit, nonprofit and government employers to provide the youth employees with insights into careers, companies, trades and industries, including the required educational attainment or experience required to gain entry into such fields (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project provides for an average of thirty (30) hours per week for nine (9) weeks; and

WHEREAS, the target 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; and

WHEREAS, all students participating in the Project will be between the ages of 13-21 and their family’s combined household income must be 250% of the poverty rate or less (\$66,250 for a family of four); and

WHEREAS, the Project will serve the public purposes of reducing barriers to employment, facilitating job readiness, assisting with job placement, developing skills to aid in job retention, encouraging continued education for job advancement, all for low-income, at-risk youth within the City of Des Moines, and will ultimately support economic development and long-term employment efforts within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter in to a ARPA Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) to provide a financial grant in the amount of \$101,905 in support of the Project.



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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 \$101,905.00 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 \$101,905 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.

MOVED by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss.

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
L.M. Frank 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