

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: July 17, 2023

Action Required: Approval

Presenter: Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance

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Title: Reallocating \$33,827.85 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to the Department of Human Services from funds previously appropriated to City of Promise (1 of 2 readings)

Background

Appropriation to reallocate \$33,827.85 of ARP funds from City of Promise to the Department of Human Services to continue community resiliency activities.

Discussion

City Council originally appropriated \$60,000 of ARP funds in July 2021 to City of Promise for community resiliency activities in support of the West Haven Clinic. These activities took the form of contracted peer support services and community mental health/wellness events. Over time, the peer support activities were discontinued, and funds were used for training (CPR, CNA licensing) and food insecurity due to reduced SNAP funds, including an on-site food pantry.

Recently, the City of Promise's Executive Director retired, and the organization and the City's Department of Human Services agreed that it was a good time to transition the remaining funds back to the City as this would be a more efficient process for continuing to provide these activities. The amount of ARP funds to be returned to the City totals approximately \$33,800.

The Department of Human Services plans to continue using these funds for community resiliency activities in support of the West Haven Clinic. These funds will be used to support several categories of activities:

1. Continued focus on food insecurity including the on-site food pantry and food vouchers.
2. Provide air conditioning for those who do not qualify/need assistance from other providers.
3. Awareness building such as a Women's Group, Diabetes Awareness group.
4. As needed emergency financial assistance.
5. Supports/supplies for community events.

This agenda item ensures the correct accounting, tracking and reporting of these ARP funds while continuing the City's support for these activities in the West Haven community.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This agenda item supports Goal #2 of the Strategic Plan to be "A Healthy and Safe City".

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is \$0 impact on the City's budget or ARP funds as these have been previously appropriated.

Recommendation

Approval.

Alternatives

The funds could be returned to the unallocated portion of ARP funds for future use.

Attachments

1. 7.17.23 Appropriation Reallocating ARP Funds for Community Resiliency Activities