

Date: November 28, 2022
Amount: \$10,500.00
Account Number: 8380-1410

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PURPOSE: To amend the budget to transfer the amount of \$10,500.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the General Fund to be used for professional grant writing services for State of Missouri Department of Economic Development American Rescue Plan Act grants.

REMARKS: The City has partnered with other members of the Community Alliance on the River Bluff Gateway grant application that has been previously presented to the City Council. That grant application was paid for by Mosaic Life Care. The Community Alliance has continued working on developing grant applications for "Industrial Site Development" for Eastown Business Park, "Local Tourism Asset Development" for continued improvements to the Civic Arena, and "Entertainment Industry" for Missouri Theater improvements.

Mosaic Life Care's commitment to pay for grant writing was limited to the initial River Bluff Gateway application. Grant writing services for the remaining three applications will cost \$11,000.00 each. Mosaic has agreed to pay a portion of that and Buchanan County, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, and Buchanan County Convention and Visitors Bureau have all agreed to pay a portion if the City will pay \$10,500 (of the \$33,000 total). Considering the potential return on investment, the needs that can be fulfilled if the grant applications are successful, and the support of the partner organizations, utilizing the City's ARPA funds to pay for these services is being proposed.

The ordinance has been submitted as an emergency ordinance because the Local Tourism Asset Development grant application is due on December 14; approval of funding by November 28 will allow the grant writer time to prepare the application.

ARPA # 160070

THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING CONTRACT OR ORDER IS WITHIN THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION TO WHICH IT IS TO BE CHARGED, AND THAT THERE IS AN UNENCUMBERED BALANCE TO THE CREDIT OF SUCH APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PAY THEREFORE.