

RESOLUTION 77-23

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT AWARD TO THE COUNSELING AND EDUCATION CENTER (CEC)

RECITALS:

With the adoption of Resolution 32-22 the City Council created and charged a community advisory board with assisting the City to determine how to best appropriate and expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) "recovery funds." Over the course of 11 months in 2022 the Committee reviewed applications for, and made recommendations on, awarding approximately \$9,000,000 that the City received in Federal funds. Those funds, which were made available to the City under the American Rescue Plan Act, have at the City Council's direction to the Committee been considered for use in support of mental and behavior health, housing, and homelessness programs and services.

At the Council's December 20, 2022, work session, the Council heard from six applicants all of which the Committee had reviewed and recommended for funding. One applicant withdrew and of the five remaining applicants, City Council requested additional information from three applicants.

At its February 13, 2023, work session the Council continued its deliberations on funding the pending applications; however, due to uncertainty about a pending grant opportunity CEC continued to develop its plan and application for ARPA funds.

On or about May 12, 2023, CEC submitted additional application materials, including but not limited to a notification of it being awarded a State grant.

The CEC presented further information to City Council at the Council work session on August 14, 2023. Based on the supplemental information and the City Council's finding that an award of ARPA funds to CEC would support and be consistent with the Council's direction for use of the ARPA funds the Council approved this Resolution and by doing so called for the introduction of an appropriation ordinance to be introduced on first reading at the September 6, 2023, City Council meeting.

As the ARPA funds have been determined by the City to be pandemic revenue replacement, as provided by the applicable rules, and the City Council is vested with the authority to determine how those funds may be expended, the City Council by and with this Resolution affirms and directs the execution by the City Manager of a notice of award of nine hundred ninety-six thousand and six dollars \$996,006 to the Counseling and Education Center of Western Colorado for the project described in its application

for funds. The City Council having been fully advised in the premises by and with this Resolution affirms and directs the execution of the foregoing notice and amount with payment of said sums of money being contingent on Ordinance No. 5174 being approved and becoming effective and consequentially making a supplemental appropriation to the City's 2023 budget as described in that Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, as provided in this Resolution, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the City Manager to execute a notice of award of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of nine hundred ninety-six thousand and six dollars (\$996,006) for the Counseling and Education Center (CEC) as recommended by the ARPA Committee, and as further described in the application as presented by the CEC Board and staff, and when Ordinance No. 5174 becomes effective executing a beneficiary agreement with CEC in furtherance of its purposes pursuant to this Resolution..



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk

