

## RESOLUTION 86-23

### AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT AWARD TO THE JOSEPH CENTER

#### 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.

In June 2023, the City received a funding request to the Land and Building Acquisition Program (LAP) from the Joseph Center for the purchase of two buildings at 2404 Teller Ave and 2435 Belford Ave adjacent to the existing site in order to expand their current programs. The scoring committee for LAP reviewed the application but had requested additional information further detailing cost of renovations and ability for longer term housing.

In August 2023, a finalized application and supporting documents were re-submitted to LAP and formalized a request for \$947,707 which would include the addition of sprinkler systems to ensure immediate habitability and that the project with minor renovations would provide an additional 15 beds for expansion of the "Golden Girls" project, a program for older adult women experiencing houselessness, add an additional 20 beds for women and children experiencing houselessness, and provide community showers and laundry facilities for individuals and families experiencing houselessness that was identified as a high needs area with the City's Unhoused Needs Survey in December 2022.

In review of the project, staff and committee identified that the project scored well in many areas and the Joseph Center could execute the project in an efficient manner and had capacity to maintain long-term operations. However, the funding request for transitional housing aligns strongly with Strategy 8, "Provide Financial Support to Existing Housing and Homelessness Services and Promote Resident Access to Services" and to a lesser degree with Strategy 6, "Allocate City Owned Land (and /or Strategically Acquire Vacant or Underutilized Properties for Affordable and Mixed-Use Housing), which is the foundation for the LAP as outlined in Resolution 30-23. Staff determined that although the project does not closely align with the goals of the LAP

program, it was an important and timely project and aligned with the City's objectives for utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars on houselessness and meets immediate housing and sanitation needs.

As such, in September 2023, Staff recommended that City Council consider utilizing ARPA funding in the amount of \$947,704.

Based on the supplemental information and the City Council's finding that an award of ARPA funds to Joseph Center 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 20, 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 forty-seven thousand seven hundred and four dollars \$947,704 to the Joseph Center 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 5175 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 forty-seven thousand seven hundred and four dollars (\$947,704) for the Joseph Center as recommended by the Land Building Acquisition Program committee and City Staff, and as further described in the application as presented by the Joseph Center, and when Ordinance 5175 becomes effective executing a beneficiary agreement with The Joseph Center in furtherance of its purposes pursuant to this Resolution.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.



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Anna M. Stout  
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



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Amy Phillips  
City Clerk

