

RESOLUTION NO. 95-23

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT EFFORT BY UNITED WAY OF MESA COUNTY AND HOMEWARD BOUND OF THE GRAND VALLEY FOR A RESOURCE CENTER FOR UNHOUSED AND OTHER VULNERABLE PERSONS

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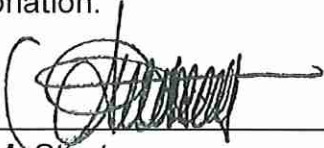
Funds made available to the City under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) have at the City Council's direction been allocated for use in support of mental and behavior health, housing, and homelessness programs and services. At the Council's October 30, 2023, work session, the Council heard a presentation from the Executive Directors of United Way of Mesa County and Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley and the Chair of the Homeward Bound board. The presentation, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth, proposed the purchase, construction and staffing of a temporary resource center to serve persons experiencing houselessness and other vulnerabilities ("Center"). When constructed the Center will operate as an ultra-low barrier to entry facility and will provide access to certain services and support; the Center will be staffed and operated by Homeward Bound, with faith-based and other service providers contributing to the delivery of services and basic needs.

The Center, and the services it will provide, are consistent with the Council's direction for use of the ARPA funds and accordingly the Council approved this Resolution and by doing so called for the introduction of an appropriation ordinance in the amount of nine hundred twelve thousand four hundred dollars (\$912,400) to be introduced on first reading at the November 1, 2023, City Council meeting. The funds designated in the appropriation ordinance shall be used for capital acquisition, including the structure that will be purchased, constructed, and used for the Center, a restroom and shower trailer to be placed on the site designated for the Center, and for related start-up and one month of operational costs. The structure shall be erected so that it is temporary and not a fixture on the site and it and the trailer shall be owned by the City. Additional funding for the Center operations shall be in accordance with the adopted 2024 City budget.

As ARPA funds have been determined by the City Council to be used for the purposes of the Center, and as the City Council is vested with the authority to determine how ARPA funds may be expended, the City Council by and with this Resolution affirms and directs the expenditure by the City Manager nine hundred twelve thousand four hundred dollars (\$912,400) for the Center project as described in this Resolution. The City Council having been fully advised in the premises by and with this Resolution affirms and directs the expenditure of said sum of money being contingent on Ordinance 5182

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 expend American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of nine hundred twelve thousand four hundred dollars (\$912,400) for and in support of the United Way of Mesa County and Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley Resource Center as further described in the October 30, 2023 presentation and materials and this Resolution, and when Ordinance 5182 becomes effective executing an agreement with United Way of Mesa County and Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley in furtherance of the purposes of this Resolution and the appropriation.



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk

