

RESOLUTION NO. 08-24

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY'S MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE OFFERING OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

RECITALS:

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 January 8, 2024, work session, the Council heard a presentation from Colorado Mesa University (CMU). The CMU President proposed the use of ARPA funds to develop a Master of Social Work (MSW) Loan Repayment Program to incentivize the attraction and retention of MSW level mental health social workers ("Program") to help fill the need for mental health professionals in the community.

The Program, and the mental health services that it will facilitate being provided to the community are consistent with the Council's direction for use of the ARPA funds and to meet a demonstrated need and public purpose(s). Accordingly, the City Council approved this Resolution and that the funds shall be used for the Program and the public purpose(s) described in the agreement and attached proposal.

As ARPA funds have been determined by the City Council to be used for the purposes of the Program, 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 of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the public purpose(s) 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 from the 201 Fund.

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 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for and in support of the Program as described in this Resolution and the attached agreement ("Agreement") with Colorado Mesa University in furtherance of the purposes of this Resolution and the Agreement.

Passed and adopted this 7th day of February 2024.



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council



ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk