

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-23**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AND SUBSTANTIAL ADMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2021, due to the nationwide impact of COVID-19, Congress through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness as well as other vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, CPD Notice 21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program (September 13, 2021) requires the submission of an Allocation Plan for the implementation of the "HOME-ARP" program and plan was approved by the Board of Directors in Resolution #147-22

WHEREAS, HUD sent final approval for the City of Fort Smith's Allocation plan on November 14, 2022 awarding the city \$1,501,450 in HOME-ARP funding.

WHEREAS, An ad was placed in the Times Record on February 16, 2023 for a Request for Proposals for HOME-ARP funding.

WHEREAS, The Community Development Advisory Committee held a public meeting on March 31, 2023 to review and discuss HOME- ARP Proposals with \$1,276,232.50 available to agencies. The Supportive Services category was funded at \$255,246 and \$1,020,987 in the Affordable Rental Housing category.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The HOME-ARP budget is one million five hundred one thousand four hundred fifty (\$1,501,450) for budgeting purposes is adopted by reference to the attached budget sheet.

SECTION 2: The Director of Community Development is authorized to carry out the activities identified in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Program Year (PY) 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP) Amendment. The Mayor is authorized to execute agreements, his signature being attested by the City Clerk, with the agencies identified in the HOME-ARP Budget as application numbers 1A- 1E to undertake the activities/projects in the HOME ARP Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment.

SECTION 3: The Fair Housing Program/Policy of the City of Fort Smith as stated in Resolution No. 2214, is reaffirmed to affirmatively further Fair Housing practices in the sale, lease or rental of housing and to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or familial status and to provide a procedure and Fair Housing Officer to assist and educate the public on their rights and procedures available to have complaints reviewed, investigated and resolved.

SECTION 4: All approved agencies of HOME-ARP funds will use, at a minimum, the city's procurement procedures for any services or contracts.

SECTION 3: The City Administrator is authorized to execute all grant documents and certifications required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City Administrator or his authorized agent will be designated as the Environmental Certifying Officer.

SECTION 4: The City Administrator or his designated agent is authorized to prepare and transmit any documents required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) related to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and amendment of the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

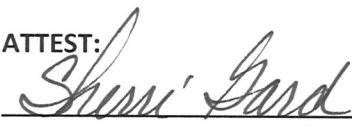
THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY 2023.

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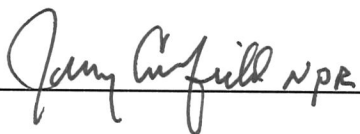
VICE-MAYOR Jarred Rego

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



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HOME-ARP CDAC Recommendations

Organization/Project	Project Category	HOME ARP
CSCDC- Rental/Deposit Assistance Program	Affordable Rental Housing	\$100,000
Next Step Day Room- Homeless Facility/Tiny Homes	Affordable Rental Housing	\$920,987
Center for Legal Services- Legal Services for Housing Stability	Supportive Services	\$31,250
Riverview Hope Campus- Van, Case Mgmt., Food	Supportive Services	\$130,511
Community Rescue Mission- Van, Case Mgmt., Food	Supportive Services	\$93,485
Administration		\$225,217.50