THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

City Council Meeting Date: February 14, 2023

Subject: Contracts with Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries to provide funding from Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing Grant

Staff Resources: Jaime Matthews, Assistant to the City Manager
Nikki Reid, Community and Economic Development Director
Kim Marmon-Saxe, ARPA Grants Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts with Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries to provide these agencies grant funding the city received from the Dogwood Health Trust's ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding.

Background:

- In May 2022 the City of Asheville responded to a request for proposals from the Dogwood Health Trust to leverage the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the City is investing in affordable housing.
- Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity (AAHH) and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries (ABCCM) applied for City of Asheville ARPA funding for affordable housing projects.
- At its May 10, 2022 meeting, Asheville City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City to execute the agreements for the fulfillment of the American Rescue Plan Act funding recommendations.
- The City Council's ARPA allocations awarded partial funding to the affordable housing projects submitted by Asheville Habitat for Humanity and ABCCM.
- These grant funds from Dogwood will provide additional funding for both programs to leverage affordable housing.
- At the September 13, 2022 Council meeting, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Dogwood Health Trust; and approved the associated budget amendment from the Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding in the amount of $1,600,000.
- Approval of these contracts will allow the city to provide the additional funding to AAHH and ABCCM.
- Total federal ARPA funding and Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing Funding for ABCCM and AAHH is described below:

Agency	Total ARPA Requested	City ARPA Allocation	Dogwood Funding	Total Funding
ABCCM	$3,000,000	$999,000	$1,300,000	$2,299,000
Habitat	$900,000	$600,000	$300,000	$900,000

Council Goal(s):

- A financially resilient city
- A thriving local economy
- Affordable Housing

Committee(s):

- City Council approved ARPA funding

Pro(s):

- Additional funds for programs related to covid recovery.
- Additional funds for projects for affordable housing.
- Allows the City to focus on partnerships in the community, along with capacity building, support and networking to build towards a collaborative future.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Matching funds are not required for this grant, funding will be passed through to AAHH and ABCCM.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign contracts with Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries to provide these agencies grant funding the city received from the Dogwood Health Trust's ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding in the amount of $300,000 to Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and $1,300,000 to Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH ASHEVILLE AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES TO PROVIDE THESE AGENCIES GRANT FUNDING THE CITY RECEIVED FROM THE DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST'S ARPA ADVANTAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $300,000 TO ASHEVILLE AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND $1,300,000 TO ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES.

WHEREAS, the City and region continue to face a serious current and projected shortage of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Dogwood Health Trust made funding available to leverage the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the City is investing in affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity(AAHH) and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries (ABCCM) applied for ARPA funding for affordable housing projects; and

WHEREAS, at the September 13, 2022 Council meeting, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Dogwood Health Trust; and approved the associated budget amendment from the Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding in the amount of $1,600,000; and

WHEREAS, these grant agreements from the City of Asheville will now include previously approved ARPA funds as well as the additional funding provided by the the Dogwood Health Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity in the amount of $300,000 and Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries in the amount of $1,300,000.

Read, approved and adopted this 14th day of February, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney