THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

City Council Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Subject: Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing Funding

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

Action Requested: The consideration of (1) a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Dogwood Health Trust; and (2) the associated budget amendment from the Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding to the City's Special Revenue Fund, in the amount of $1,600,000.

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 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.

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.
- Fully funding 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 Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and ABCCM.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize (1) a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Dogwood Health Trust and (2) the associated budget amendment from the Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding to the City's Special Revenue Fund, in the amount of $1,600,000.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST FOR THE DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST ARPA ADVANTAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING

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, grant agreements to allow the City of Asheville to allocate this funding to AAHH and ABCCM will be approved at an upcoming meeting of City Council; 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 a grant agreement with Dogwood Health Trust for the Dogwood Health Trust ARPA Advantage Affordable Housing funding in the amount of $1,600,000.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of September, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville FY 2022-23 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $1,600,000 from Dogwood Health Trust to support affordable housing ARPA projects.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Private Donations	$1,600,000

Appropriations:

Awarded Grants	$1,600,000

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of September, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney