THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

Subject: Non-congregate shelter at local hotels

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Interim Community & Economic Development Director
Emily Ball, Community Development Analyst

Action(s) Requested: Ratify the execution of a series of contracts / contract amendments to support emergency non-congregate shelter at local hotels for people experiencing homelessness and associated budget amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $438,000 from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to fund the contracts and allocate a contingency.

Background:

- The City has made arrangements with three local hotels (Five P Mountain, LLC; Bhuna Corporation; and ATL Hospitality, LLC) for rooms to serve people experiencing homelessness who were previously camping on public property.
- These contracts allow for the City to provide a shelter option for people who have been given notice to dismantle their camps.
- Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness has agreed to provide on-site supportive services to support homeless individuals at these locations.
- Axis Security has agreed to provide on-site security.
- This initiative has served 116 people experiencing homelessness.
- Based on the housing of individuals at the Red Roof Inn (not a part of this contract), 27% of the individuals placed in non-congregate housing have been permanently housed. We would hope to see the same percentage of people become permanently housed within the next year.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well-Planned and Livable Community
- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Addresses public health and safety
- Provides a shelter option to address the needs of the homeless

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Allocate funds from the American Rescue Plan in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $438,000 for a series of contracts / contract amendments for homeless non-congregate housing interventions at local hotels.
- Along with previously authorized funds, this action brings the total budget for this initiative to $906,407.

Suggested Motion(s):

- Motion to adopt a resolution ratifying the execution of a series of contracts / contract amendments to support an emergency non-congregate shelter at local hotels for people experiencing; and a budget amendment in the amount of $438,000 from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to fund the contracts and allocate additional contingency.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 21- _____

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION OF A SERIES OF CONTRACTS AND / OR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO SUPPORT NON-CONGREGATE EMERGENCY SHELTER AT LOCAL HOTELS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented need for emergency shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Five P Mountain, LLC has agreed to provide motel rooms to the City of Asheville for operation of a non-congregate emergency shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a cost not to exceed $381,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bhuna Corporation has agreed to provide motel rooms to the City of Asheville for operation of a non-congregate emergency shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a cost not to exceed $92,806; and

WHEREAS, the ATL Hospitality, LLC has agreed to provide motel rooms to the City of Asheville for operation of a non-congregate emergency shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a cost not to exceed $107,200; and

WHEREAS, Sunrise Community for Wellness and Recovery has agreed to provide supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness for this initiative at a cost not to exceed $107,628; and

WHEREAS, Axis Security, Inc. has agreed to provide onsite security for this initiative at a cost not to exceed $51,000; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Asheville City Council Rules of Procedure, the City Council is authorized to ratify agreements previously executed.

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

City Council hereby ratifies the execution by the City Manager of the agreements, change orders and contract amendments with the entities listed above for this purpose within the adopted budget ordinance for this initiative and authorizes the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Read, approved, and adopted this 25th day of May, 2021.

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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 the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended to add an appropriation of $438,000 and amend the Special Revenue Fund as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Federal Revenue Distribution - ARPA	$438,000
Total Revenues	$438,000

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$438,000
Total Appropriations	$438,000

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

Read, approved and adopted this the 25th day of May 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney