THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 14, 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: Authorize the City Manager to execute two contract amendments to support emergency non-congregate shelter at a local hotel for people experiencing homelessness and an associated budget amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $1,128,575 from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to fund the contracts.

Background:

- Since April 19, 2021, the City has made arrangements with local hotels 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 had been given notice to dismantle their camps.
- Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness has provided on-site supportive services and security to support homeless individuals at these locations.
- This initiative has served 116 people experiencing homelessness.
- The original contracts provided for shelter through June 30, 2021 and have been amended to extend through September 15, 2021.
- These new amendments allow for continuation of emergency shelter until December 31, 2021.
- The contract and budget amendments will add $817,007 to the existing contract with Five P Mountain, LLC for a total contract amount of $1,736,175.
- The additional funds will cover the costs of 62 rooms nightly through December 31, 2021.
- The contract and budget amendments will add $311,568 to the existing contract with Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness, Inc. for a total of $643,409.
- The additional funds will cover supportive service and security costs 24/7 for all shelter participants through December 31, 2021.
- Staff is working with other agencies to assist in the costs associated with these costs.

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 people experiencing homelessness

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Allocate funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $1,128,575 for a series of contract amendments for homeless non-congregate shelter interventions at a local hotel.
- Along with previously authorized funds, this action brings the total ARPA budget for this initiative to $2,890,212.
- Staff is working with other agencies to assist in the costs associated with these costs.

Suggested Motion(s):

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute two contract amendments to support an emergency non-congregate shelter at local hotels for people experiencing homelessness; and a budget amendment in the amount of $1,128,575 from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to fund the contracts.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 21- _____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE TWO 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 hotel 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 $1,736,175; 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 $643,409;

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

City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute 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 14th day of September, 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 2021-22 Budget Ordinance be amended to add an appropriation of $1,128,575 and amend the Special Revenue Fund as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Federal Revenue Distribution - ARPA	$1,128,575
Total Revenues	$1,128,575

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$1,128,575
Total Appropriations	$1,128,575

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

Read, approved and adopted this the 14th day of September 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney