FAYETTEVILLE ARKANSAS

CITY COUNCIL MEMO

2023-606

MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Yolanda Fields, Comm. Resources Dir./Equity Off.

DATE:

SUBJECT: Mayor's signature on a letter of participation to accept a HUD HOME grant in the

amount of \$512,642 and approval of a Budget Adjustment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$512,642.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, approval of a City match in the amount of \$237,358.00 (for a total of \$750,000.00), approval for the Mayor to sign a letter of participation, and approval of a budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is a federal block grant program that provides funding to states and localities to be used exclusively for affordable housing activities to benefit low-income households. Funds for HOME are appropriated annually to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which in turn distributes funding to states and certain localities by formula. States and localities that receive HOME funds are known as participating jurisdictions. HUD requires a participation threshold for first time participating jurisdictions of \$750,000. City of Fayetteville's 2023 HUD/HOME allocation amount is \$512,642.00, therefore the required first year participation amount is \$237,358.00.

DISCUSSION:

HUD has determined, based on the HOME formula allocation process, that the city qualifies as a participating jurisdiction for the HOME program for the first time. Because the allocation does not meet the \$750,000 participation threshold for first-time participating jurisdictions, approval for the program participation amount of \$237,258.00 must be submitted. This will enable the city as a participation jurisdiction to receive the HOME funding annually moving forward.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

This BA will recognize the HOME funding revenue amount of \$512,642 and move \$237,358 into the Community Development Fund from the General Fund for the City match.

ATTACHMENTS: 2023-606 SRF HUD HOME Grant, 2023-606 BA HUD HOME Grant, 2023-606 Letter of Participation, 2023-606 FY23 CPD Formula Letter