



MEETING OF MAY 16, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Steven Dotson, Internal Auditor
DATE:
SUBJECT: Staff recommends that Council consider approval of the American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Assistance applications for funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider for approval the attached American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Assistance applications for funding, using American Rescue Plan Act funds.

BACKGROUND:

City Council voted unanimously on February 21, 2023 through Resolution 46-23 to approve an economic assistance program for non-profit corporations operating and serving residents in Fayetteville. This program was intended to assist qualifying nonprofits that experienced negative economic impact directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic from the March 3, 2020 – March 2, 2021 time period. \$1,000,000.00 was appropriated to fund this economic assistance program.

DISCUSSION:

This program was requested by Council to assist qualifying nonprofits that experienced negative economic impact directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As indicated on page 23 of the US Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule, ARPA recipients (the City) can identify nonprofits impacted by the pandemic and provide economic assistance. For example, ARPA recipients (the City) could consider the following negative impacts experienced by nonprofits (1) decreased revenue, (2) financial insecurity, (3) increased costs, (4) capacity to weather financial hardship, and (5) challenges covering payroll, rent or mortgage, and other operating costs. Assistance to nonprofits that experienced negative economic impacts includes grants to mitigate financial hardship as an enumerated use of ARPA funds.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

This request would be funded with the American Rescue Plan local recovery grant received by the City for \$1,000,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS: 2023-724 SRF ARPA Nonprofit, 2023-724 BA ARPA Nonprofit, ARPA Nonprofit Assistance Applications File, Revised - ARPA Nonprofit Assistance Application

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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-724

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A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEVENTEEN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule allows the City to identify and use American Rescue Plan Act Funds to assist nonprofit corporations that have experienced negative economic impact directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2023, the City Council passed Resolution 46-23 authorizing an economic assistance program for nonprofit corporations operating and serving residents in Fayetteville to provide economic assistance to applicants that experienced negative economic impact directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic during the period of March 3, 2020 through March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that seventeen local non-profit organizations qualified for assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves the American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Assistance Applications attached to this Resolution and authorizes Mayor Jordan to make economic assistance payments totaling \$1,000,000.00 utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to the following nonprofit corporations:

Mount Sequoyah Center Inc.	\$60,580.93
Rockin Baker Academy	\$49,120.12
Sheep Dog Impact Assistance	\$100,000.00
Northwest Arkansas Community Creative Center	\$100,000.00
Theatre Squared Inc	\$100,000.00
Symphony of Northwest Arkansas	\$76,455.56
Botanical Garden Society of the Ozarks	\$100,000.00
Northwest Arkansas Jazz Society	\$18,690.00
Fayetteville Art Alliance dba Art Ventures	\$100,000.00
Apple Seeds	\$24,430.00

7Hills Homeless Center	\$85,608.76
Cobblestone Farms	\$46,968.85
Washington County Historical Society	\$20,885.38
Arts Live Theatre Inc	\$18,748.99
OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology	\$20,566.05
Credit Counseling of Arkansas, Inc	\$58,269.63
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, Arkansas	\$19,675.73