


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-134	Meeting:	March 27, 2023
	Agenda Item:	39	Roll Call:	23-406
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding agreement with Homeward Iowa.

SYNOPSIS:

This action approves ARPA funding from the US Treasury, allocated to the City, and then reallocated to Homeward Iowa in the amount of \$460,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$460,000

Funding Source: FY2023 Operating Budget, Finance Department, Special Revenue and Other Funds, p. 85.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Homeward Iowa is the local Continuum of Care (CoC), which is the planning body for homelessness in the Greater Des Moines area and Polk County.
- The breakdown of uses are as follows:
 - \$10,000 for the Unsheltered Study performed by Dr. Talbert from Drake University, with funds matched from multiple sources.
 - \$150,000 for a Community Casework position for two (2) years, which is matched by Polk County.
 - \$300,000 for the general operations of Homeward Iowa across multiple years, which is also matched by Polk County.
- The Unsheltered Study has been published and is available on the Homeward Iowa web site, homewardiowa.org.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 22, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1359](#)

Action: [Expenditures](#) of ARPA Funds. Moved by Voss to adopt. Seconded by Sheumaker. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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