

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING COMMITTEE
August 10, 2021
1100 Frederick, Fourth Floor Conference Room, City Hall
10:30a.m.

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CITY CLERK

MEMBERS PRESENT: Corky Marquart (06-00)
Tama Wagner (06-00)
Latonya Williams (05-01)
Scott Meierhoffer (06-00)
Joe Houts (06-00)

STAFF PRESENT: Clint Thompson, Director, Planning & Development
Bryan Carter, City Manager
Lisa Robertson, City Attorney
Tom Mahoney, Interim Director of Administrative Services
Cindy McDermott, Accountant

Call to Order – Wagner called the meeting to order at 10:30am. Quorum is present.

Marquart made a motion to approve minutes of August 3, 2021 meeting. Houts seconded.

All members stated aye in unison. Motion approved.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

Elizabeth Kennedy spoke regarding an application for funds for Missouri Western Law Enforcement Academy. Kennedy gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding how the request would benefit both the City and County. The request is for \$450,000.

Gary Clapp spoke regarding an application for funds for Innovation Stockyards. Clapp gave those in attendance a handout showing how the request would assist with growing start-up businesses. The request is for \$29,072.

Kim Warren spoke regarding an application for funds for Mid-City Excellence. Warren gave those in attendance a handout and explained data including graduation rate and tracking of success. The request is for \$750,000.

Kristina Hannon spoke regarding an application from Family Guidance Center. A handout was given to those present giving a description of the program. The funding would assist with addressing behavioral healthcare issues through acquisition of a building to house the program. The request is for \$625,000.

Kenny Cordonnier spoke regarding an application from St. Joseph Fire Department. Interim Chief Cordonnier stated the requested amount has been reduced from the initial application to \$228,000. The reduction was enabled due to recent notification that the Fire Department would receive grant funding for a portion of the radio cost. Funding would be used for new radio devices used in communication between Fire Department personnel.

Wagner provided a handout detailing a listing of application the Committee has selected for presentations for consideration. Committee discussed the process of forming a recommendation to Council for consideration upon determination of eligibility by City Staff.

Discussion was held regarding Council approval of funding to the Sewer Program from ARPA funds. Carter informed the Committee of Council's approval of \$5 million in ARPA funds to the Sewer Program during the August 9th Council Meeting. The Committee inquired of the reasons for the use of the funds, the long-term benefit of the use, and the possibility of requesting a work session with the City Council to discuss the use. Houts recommended the Committee provide a recommendation to Council regarding all uses of funds at a Work Session during which the Committee presents its recommendations to Council. He recommended asking Council for reconsideration of funding allocated from ARPA to the Sewer Program during that Work Session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clint Thompson.