Resolution approving an allocation of funding for operations and maintenance of Houska Park Campground for the 2022 season

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has deemed ensuring shelter for all individuals a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution #22-0367 to extend the Econo Lodge winter sheltering until April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners approved Houska Park as a campground for the 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, unsheltered individuals are beginning to camp at Houska Park, and

WHEREAS, it is critical to invest in power infrastructure, restroom facilities, dumpsters, staffing and security to ensure the safety of the guests at the campground and cover the 2022 invoices related to Houska Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby allocates \$262,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds, specifically coming from the bridge housing projects for the homeless population, Resolution 22-0259 as part of the \$1.5million allocation of ARPA funding, for the operations and maintenance of Houska Park Campground for the 2022 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City staff is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse May 12, 2022.

Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk

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