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Resolution assigning development of projects and programs for American Rescue Plan Act housing funds to the Economic and Community Development Commission

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City was awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the U.S. Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City identified $1,500,000 to be allocated to support “Investments in housing and neighborhoods and servicing the hardest hit families, including those impacted by homelessness” through resolution 21-1732; and

WHEREAS, the City and La Crosse County have developed the Pathways Home 5-Year Plan to End Homelessness using input from agencies working on the ground, from people with lived experiences and learning through success and failures from other communities; and

WHEREAS, Pathways Home established a key line of effort for implementation which is to create sustainable housing solutions; and

WHEREAS, to build specialized housing capacity, partnering with community support organizations will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Pathways Home team has determined the most effective approach to engage community support organizations is through the Request for Information (RFI) and Request for Proposal (RFP) process; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are required to be obligated by December 31st 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Economic and Community Development Commission is the oversight committee for community development initiatives and the Community Development Committee was designated as the committee to review and provide guidance on expenditures associated with this category through resolution 22-0259.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic and Community Development Commission (ECDC) is delegated authority to approve on the expenditures associated with the aforementioned ARPA funding, which includes the remaining funds that had been allocated through 21-1732 without Common Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse will issue an RFI to solicit ideas and interest to develop specialized housing capacity to be reviewed by the Pathways Home team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RFP proposals will be delegated to ECDC for approval to meet the obligation deadline of December 31, 2024.