

City of Greensboro

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300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-108

Agenda Item# I.3.

Agenda Date: 2/6/2024. **Department:** Housing and Neighborhood Development

Meeting Type: Council Meeting Category: General Business Agenda

Title: 2024 – 108 Resolution to Authorize \$1,500,000 of Funding for Servant Center 1915

Boulevard St. Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

☐ Safest City ☐ Most Skilled Workforce ☐ Easiest Place to Do Business ☐ Most Connected City

☐ Youth Sports Capital ☐ Hub of Recreation and Entertainment

△ Abundance of Attainable Housing Other/Admin Briefly Explain 3 word maximum

Council District: 5

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

City Council consideration is requested for authority to contract \$1,500,000 of City ARP enabled funds and federal CDBG funds to The Servant Center for the Servant Center 1915 Boulevard Street Acquisition and Rehabilitation transitional supportive housing and respite care project serving homeless and disabled men, veterans, and respite care patients. The project was awarded ARP-enabled general funds by City Council on June 7, 2022, resolution 196-22. This request reallocates \$450,000 in ARP-enabled general funds for the Servant House Transformation project given authority to contract by City Council on May 16th, 2023, resolution 122-23.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2021, the City issued a request for proposals for eligible project applications for federal American Rescue Plan funds. The applications were reviewed under a competitive prioritization and scoring process to determine federal eligibility and connection to City priorities. The Servant House Transformation project was recommended for authority to contract on May 16th, 2023. Over the summer, the Servant Center became aware of an opportunity to increase the number of beds and provide respite care through the acquisition and renovation of 1915 Boulevard Street. The project is recommended for funding through reallocation of the initial \$450,000 City ARP-enabled award and an additional \$1,050,000 in federal CDBG funding

to provide 43 total beds serving the Servant Center's medically fragile resident population. This project has also received a \$1,050,000 grant from the Veterans Administration and is under consideration for a \$1,500,000 award from Guilford County.

• Servant House 1915 Boulevard Street Acquisition and Rehabilitation – 1915 Boulevard Street – The Servant Center. \$1,500,000 in American Rescue Plan-enabled funds and federal CDBG funds to provide 43 beds of transitional housing to include 21 individual bedroom units for transitional supportive housing primarily serving homes/disabled men and veterans and up to 22 respite care beds primarily serving medically fragile homeless individuals. Total development cost is \$4.6 million. City funds will be a loan at zero percent interest and forgivable over a 15 year period and the commitment is subject to satisfactory completion of a HUD environmental review and meeting all financing conditions.

MWBE goals will be established for the project prior to City contracting.

BUDGET IMPACT:

\$ 450,000 in City ARP-enabled general funds \$1,050,000 in federal CDBG funds

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

\$450,000, 101-95-9581006.5931- City ARP-enabled general funds \$425,578.00, 212-21-2198135.5282- CDBG \$624,422.00, 212-21-2198199.5283- CDBG

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council authorize contracting of \$1,500,000 to The Servant Center for the Servant Center 1915 Boulevard Street Acquisition and Rehabilitation project, subject to the project meeting all financing conditions, to authorize the City Manager to execute loan documents for this supportive housing development project in conformity with the applicable federal and City regulations associated with the source of funding.