



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

08/28/2023 23-262

Council Meeting Date: 08/28/2023

Item No: 23-262

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Order

Authorizing the Award of \$154,765 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Together Place Peer Recovery Center to Fund a Grant Writer/Development Manager

Summary

This Order will authorize the award of \$154,765 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA funds) to Together Place Peer Recovery to hire a grant writer/development manager.

Together Place Peer Recovery is looking to use these funds as an opportunity to expand their ability to attract various funding sources to support an increase in the number of individuals that can be served. The position would support all three program areas; peer center, employment connection, and housing. The overall goals being to increase funding opportunities that would allow for the creation of additional programming which supports the building of trust both with members and peers, as well as to continue to provide opportunities for social integration free of charge to anyone seeking support, and to ensure the long-term financial stability of the operations.

This award is in support of the following:

- One-time funding that will support a position to building financial sustainability within a non-profit organization providing services and support to a disproportionately impacted community.
- This award will support our impacted community of individuals who have experienced mental health and/or substance use challenges and are on their own chosen path of recovery.

Committee Action

Committee: Council Workshop
Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 08/14/2023
For: 6 Against: 0

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: New Business



CITY OF BANGOR ORDER

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Assigned to Councilor: Pelletier

Authorizing the Award of \$154,765 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Together Place Peer Recovery Center to Fund a Grant Writer/Development Manager

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Heart of Maine United Way, the City of Bangor conducted an open and public application process to determine distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the application from Together Place Peer Recovery Bangor ranked highly in the initial citizen panel review process; and

WHEREAS, the new Executive Director requested the City Council consider an amended application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed a revised application that would fund a grant writer/development manager for a period of two-years; and

WHEREAS, the award will provide one-time start-up funding to support the organization's ability to attract additional funding to maintain and expand their peer center, and employment connection and housing programs that support a disproportionately impacted community;

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, \$154,765 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are awarded to Together Place Peer Recovery to fund a grant writer/development manager.



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Title, Order

Authorizing the Award of \$130,00 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid Maine to Support the Creation of a Mentoring Hub Through the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor

Summary

This Order will authorize the award of \$130,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA funds) to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid Maine to support the creation of a mentoring hub at the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' current operational model at the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor is not able to serve the needs of all the youth. In order to dramatically increase the number of youth that can be served, Big Brothers Big Sisters is proposing to create a "hub", whereby staff would be hired to focus specifically on this program location. The staff will monitor the relationships with the littles and their families, manage the recruitment of mentors, and provide ongoing monitoring and support of the match relationships. With this level of funding, the goal would be to increase the number of mentor relationships from 20 to 70. The applicant has recently hired a development director and they have identified multiple opportunities to pursue to fund the efforts beyond this award.

This award is in support of the following:

- One-time start-up funding to expand mentor relationship opportunities for youth served by the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor.
- To support the emotional and social needs of the youth served at the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor.

Committee Action

Committee: Council Workshop
Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 08/22/2023
For: 7 Against: 0

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: New Business



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Assigned to Councilor: Schaefer

Authorizing the Award of \$130,00 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid Maine to Support the Creation of a Mentoring Hub Through the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Heart of Maine United Way, the City of Bangor conducted an open and public application process to determine distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the application from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid Maine ranked highly in the initial citizen panel review process; and

WHEREAS, the award will provide one-time start-up funding to support the the creation of a mentor hub at the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor to support the emotional and social needs of the youth served by the Club;

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, \$130,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are awarded to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maine to support the creation of a mentoring hub to serve the youth of the Boys and Girls Club of Bangor.