City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250228
Submitted Department/Preparer: Neighborhoods
Revised 6/10/24

Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in Administrative Regulation (AR) 4-1.

Executive Summary

Authorizing the Director of Neighborhood Services to expend $487,600.00 from the Refugee and Immigrant Services Account in the General Fund pursuant to contracts with Della Lamb Community Services and Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City to provide emergency housing assistance and case management services.

Discussion

Della Lamb Community Services (Della Lamb) and Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) provide critical support to individuals and families who have been displaced from their home countries due to persecution, conflict, or other extraordinary circumstances, assisting them in rebuilding their lives in Kansas City; and those served by these programs arrive in the United States after undergoing extensive security and medical screenings, with authorization to work immediately, eligibility for legal permanent residency after one year, and the ability to apply for citizenship after five years; and Della Lamb, founded in 1897, has a long-standing mission of welcoming and supporting newcomers to Kansas City, helping individuals and families secure housing, employment, and access to essential services.

JVS, founded in 1949 to support Holocaust survivors, has expanded its services to welcome people from diverse backgrounds, offering a comprehensive system of support in community integration, workforce development, and health and wellness. Della Lamb and JVS are currently serving 309 individuals who recently arrived in Kansas City and are in critical need of housing assistance, access to healthcare, education, and job placement services.

The funding model for these programs relies on per capita reimbursements, and both organizations are facing a financial gap that threatens their ability to provide essential services to individuals who are working to establish stability in Kansas City. The total amount needed to sustain housing assistance and case management services for individuals currently receiving support is approximately $487,600.00, which will provide two months of housing assistance at an average cost of $1,700.00 per month per household and staff support at $1,200.00 per household; and providing this emergency funding will ensure that newly arrived families in Kansas City have stable

housing, access to critical services, and the necessary support to secure employment and achieve long-term self-sufficiency;

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What is the funding source?
   General Fund: 1000-572526-619080

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   N/A

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
   No

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
   No

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)
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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan

2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
   Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)

3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

- ☒ Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.
- ☒ Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
- ☐ Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.
- ☐ Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.
- ☒ Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- ☐ Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

Ordinance 240222

Service Level Impacts

Legislation will provide case management and housing services for families moving into Kansas City.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
   Increase positive health impacts by providing case management and housing services for families new to Kansas City.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
   N/A

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
   N/A

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
   No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

   No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)
   Please provide reasoning why not:
   N/A

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

   No(Press tab after selecting)

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
   No(Press tab after selecting)