

# Boone County Purchasing

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Boone County Commission  
FROM: Melinda Bobbitt, CPPO, CPPB  
DATE: February 7, 2024  
RE: ARPA Funding Subrecipient: *C000725 – Valet Service* with Lester Woods, Jr. d/b/a First/Last Mile Valet Service

Boone County, Missouri received ARPA grant funding from the federal government and the County Commission engaged in a RFP process to determine ARPA funding awards.

This ARPA award is for County contract # *C00725 – Valet Service* with Lester Woods, Jr. d/b/a First/Last Mile Valet Service. The ARPA funds will be used to support the operational, maintenance, equipment, and salary costs for First Last Mile. First Last Mile will provide a unique service delivery model for safe, accessible, and affordable transportation. The focus will be on partnering with businesses and employers to transport employees to work who, without the support of First Last Mile, would not have the ability to get to work due to a lack of personal transportation or funds to pay for transportation to work.

Contract award is for a not to exceed amount of \$428,100 and will be paid from department 2983 – American Rescue Plan Act, account 82400 – Other Contracts.

Attached is a list of all the funded projects.

## **SUBRECIPIENTS**

### **City of Centralia – Centralia Sewer Lining**

Contract #: C000720

Project #: 021

\$400,000.00

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to line approximately 12,500 feet of sewer pipe with “Cure in Place Pipe”. Lining the sewer pipes will strengthen and seal pipes, preventing raw sewage from leaking out of broken pipes and causing ground water contamination and sickness. Re-lining of the pipes is a more cost-effective route than digging up the old pipes and putting in new ones. While the City of Centralia does not currently have any sewer pipes out of compliance, lining the pipes now allows the City of Centralia to stay proactive and avoid costly repairs.

### **City of Sturgeon – City Park Updates & Renovations**

Contract #: C000721

Project #: 031

\$50,000.00

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used for a wide range of projects to include repaving basketball courts, creating a walking track, installing an ADA approved sidewalk to connect the parking lot to the City Office building, installing parking blocks and park benches, adding signage to the park entrance, and installing surveillance cameras to enhance security within the park. The work on the City Park will allow for more community access to a safe outdoor space. The community members will be able to gather and socialize outside, which encourages social distancing, healthy lifestyles, and mental health benefits.

### **City of Sturgeon – Water & Sewer Infrastructure**

Contract #: C000722

Project #: 033

\$89,500.00

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to improve sewer and water infrastructure impacting the community. The funds will be used to purchase a Vac Trailer, which will enable the community complete lead line inventory as required for DNR compliance, keep meter pits cleaned and replaced when needed, and allow for safer and more efficient digging as existing utilities in the ground can be located easier and striking them can be avoided. Additionally, the funds will be used for lead line inventory as required by MO DNR.

### **Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) – The Shops at Sharps End**

\$397,821.00

Contract #: C000723

Project #: 035

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to further CMCA's retail incubator Shops at Sharps End. This includes the renovation and operational costs for their current office space at 500 E. Walnut Street in Columbia Missouri to provide retail space, conduct business training, coaching and peer to peer mentoring. Additionally, funds will be used to staff the retail incubator with a retail manager and business coach as well as provide scholarships for people to receive business coaching and training at a discounted rate. The goal of the Shops at Sharps End is to reduce barriers to entry for low to moderate income individuals and minority populations who want to start up retail enterprises, with a special focus on reaching 51% of minority business enterprises. Through participation in the project, individuals and businesses will gain assistance in becoming financially viable, freestanding, successful business owners.

**Columbia Public School District – Boone County Nature School**

\$200,000.00

Contract #: C000724

Project #: 006

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used for the Boone County Nature School for the construction of a \$6+ million educational center that provides placed-based educational opportunities for students in all six Boone County school districts (Centralia, Columbia, Hallsville, Harrisburg, Southern Boone, and Sturgeon). The ARPA award will assist in the construction of the educational center which will provide differentiated instruction and help to address the impacts of lost learning that occurred as a result of the pandemic.

**Lester Woods, Jr. – d/b/a First/Last Mile Valet Service - Valet Service**

\$428,100.00

Contract #: C000725

Project #: 052

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to support the operational, maintenance, equipment, and salary costs for First Last Mile. First Last Mile will provide a unique service delivery model for safe, accessible, and affordable transportation. The focus will be on partnering with businesses and employers to transport employees to work who, without the support of First Last Mile, would not have the ability to get to work due to a lack of personal transportation or funds to pay for transportation to work.

**Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity – Habitat for Humanity**

\$708,500.00

Contract #: C000726

Project #: 056

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to support Habitat for Humanity in completing phase two infrastructure for the affordable housing subdivision of Boone Prairie Village. The funds will be used to pay for grading, land surveying,

street work, utilities at Boone Prairie Village. At the completion of this project 30 more lots will be prepared and designated for the construction of low-income family homes.

**In2Action – Community Enrichment Program**

\$1,200,000.00

Contract #: C000727

Project #: 061

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to help purchase, renovate, and staff a permanent location for the Community Enrichment Program. The funds will also be used for start-up costs, equipment, supplies, technology, and administrative costs needed for the operation of the program. The Community Enrichment Program exists to address the social determinates of health of the justice involved and those with substance abuse disorders. The program will provide substance abuse disorder respite services, access to peer recovery support services, and workforce and professional development services to improve financial stability.

**Columbia Interfaith Resource Center a/k/a Room at the Inn – Room at the End**

\$206,000.00

Contract #: C000728

Project #: 078

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to provide additional shelter beds for homeless individuals. Room at the Inn will use the funds to cover operational costs of their Emergency Shelter so that it can stay open until the Opportunity Center opens in Spring 2025. Operational costs can include salaries, shelter supplies, insurance costs, supplies for guests, and other administrative expenses.

**Southern Boone County Schools – Expansion of the Educational Agriculture Program**

\$450,000.00

Contract #: C000729

Project #: 083

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to expand the educational agriculture program to supplement food services with vegetables grown by students. Expansion of this program will increase opportunities for students to learn new skills and address the impacts of lost instructional time. Expenditures under this program include purchasing and constructing two greenhouses which will be used to grow food year-round.

**United Community Builders Community Development Corporation – New  
Community Center Building**

\$750,000.00

Contract #: C000730

Project #: 094

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used by United Community Builders to develop a new community center building for youth in the underserved portion of northern Columbia. Expenditures under this program include the construction of second phase of a new 22,500 square foot youth and community center.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

### **Ashland Optimist Foundation, Inc. – *New HVAC System at the Ashland Optimist Club***

\$52,250.00

Contract #: C000731

Project #: 002

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace the original HVAC system at the Ashland Optimist Club, 511 Optimist Drive, Ashland, MO 65010. Ashland Optimist Club sustained negative economic impacts resulting from the pandemic including lost revenue and cancelled events. The original system was installed in 1992 at the time of building construction. The current system is no longer reliable and has required many costly repairs in the last few years. Per a quote from Phil Bentlage Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC, the price to replace the HVAC unit will be \$52,250.00. The new HVAC installation will include 2 - 12.5 ton, single packaged 410A high efficiency air conditioner, 2 12.0 EER stage coolers, 2 stage gas heaters, and labor and materials or an equivalent model.

### **Centralia Chamber of Commerce – *Chamber Renewal Project***

\$40,000.00

Contract #: C000732

Project #: 016

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to partially support the Chamber Renewal Project which will allow the Chamber to hire a director, maintain an office space, update webpage, increase social media presence, plan future projects, and offer outreach training and employment assistance for the Chamber members.

### **City of Refuge dba Safi Sana – *City of Refuge***

\$750,000.00

Contract #: C000733

Project #: 030

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The organization faced a decrease in funding due to the inability to host fundraising events. The organization also saw a decrease in volunteer numbers. The ARPA funds will help fill the gap. These funds will be used to support City of Refuge and enable them to continue operating current programs, continue construction on their new preschool, and provide financial support for other programs and expansions to enable City of Refuge to continue their mission.

**Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture – *Community Welcome Center***

\$1,500,000.00

Contract #: C000734

Project #: 036

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will go to support the construction and operation of the Community Welcome Center which will contain a commercial kitchen, event space, a resource library, and office space to support the ongoing and new programs of the nonprofit. Some programs that will be supported include meal distribution and produce gardening for hunger relief, educational programs for children related to health, food, and nature, backyard gardens for low-income families, and other programs related to job and skills training, and wrap around services to combat housing and food insecurity.

**Columbia Chamber of Commerce – *Talent Pipeline Management Program***

\$181,000.00

Contract #: C000735

Project #: 037

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to support the Talent Pipeline Management program in which workforce and business leaders can learn how to close the skill gaps present in the working population and increase employment rates. The funds will cover a portion of the salary and benefit requirements for the individuals responsible for the administration of the Talent Pipeline Management program.

**Coyote Hill – *Equine Assisted Therapy Program***

\$123,560.00

Contract #: C000736

Project #: 047

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue and uncompensated increases in need due to the negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will allow Coyote Hill to continue operations, expand their therapy services program, as well as construct an improved therapy space for foster children to receive diverse therapeutic modalities in conjunction with Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy program already offered at the facility. This will allow Coyote Hill to serve more foster children and families year-round.

**Do Something Right Now, Inc. – *Hogan House Food Pantry and Support Center***

\$155,880.00

Contract #: C000737

Project #: 101

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The organization faced

financial challenges due to a decrease in revenue and an increase in demand for services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARPA funds will help fill the gap. These funds will be used to support Do Something Right Now, Inc.'s Hogan House Food Pantry and Support Center. The Center serves those in poverty by providing meals, free food, childcare items such as diapers and formula, and connections with other area community resources. A portion of the funds will go to improve the facilities at the Center to improve the ability of the Center to serve their participants.

**Grade A Plus Incorporated – *Expansion of Programming***

\$100,000.00

Contract #: C000738

Project #: 053

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Grade A Plus Incorporated will use the funds to support and expand their academic support and enrichment programming and services, expand programming to include training for parents to serve as better advocates for their children at school and developing academic goals, and expand programming to include mental health and wellness services.

**Grow Hallsville Parks Foundation – *Grow Hallsville Parks***

\$225,000.00

Contract #: C000739

Project #: 055

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Grow Hallsville Parks will use the funds to continue operations at the Community Center, purchase a generator to make the Center a reliable warming and cooling shelter, replace current failing HVAC system, and other needed facility repairs to allow the Community Center to continue to serve the members of the community in an effective and efficient manner.

**Job Point – *Services for Justice Involved Youth and Adults***

\$225,000.00

Contract #: C000740

Project #: 062

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Job Point will use the funds to provide additional services to justice involved youth and adults. Some of these services include preparation for the High School Equivalency Test, vocational courses, career development, Moral Recognition Therapy for substance abuse and offender populations, and other certifications such as First Aid/CPR, Commercial Driver License Permits, and OSHA-10. Funds are needed to support costs associated with expanding services such as technology equipment, program costs,

and scholarships for those taking vocational courses and workforce development courses who cannot afford them.

**River Relief, Inc. aka Missouri River Relief – *Missouri River Days and Mornings at the River Program***

\$125,000.00

Contract #: C000741

Project #: 069

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to expand and support the Missouri River Days and Mornings at the River programs offered by Missouri River Relief. Funds will be used to expand Missouri River Days to additional Boone County Title I schools, fully fund the Mornings at the River program for 2 years, as well for salaries for educational support staff and other indirect costs. Missouri River Days and Mornings at the River are both educational programs aimed at increasing access to education that can help fill the gaps in education and instruction that were lost as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, Inc. – *Central Pantry Relocation***

\$1,000,000.00

Contract #: C000742

Project #: 089

Scope of Work: The ARPA funds will be used to replace lost revenue due to the negative financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic. With these funds The Foodbank for Central & Northeast Missouri will have the ability to move their Central Pantry to a more centralized location that is larger and more accessible to members of the community. This will enable the organization to serve more individuals and households, increase food options for patrons, and even offer increased educational programming concerning healthy food options and preparation.

**TO BE DETERMINED**

**County of Boone Community Services Department**

\$110,000.00

Contract #:

Project #: 046

Scope of Work:

**Love Columbia -**

\$1,000,000.00

Contract #:

Project #: 064

Scope of Work:



**MU Extension Council Training Center**

\$350,000.00

Contract #:

Project #: 099

Scope of Work:

**Socket Telecom, LLC**

\$1,000,000.00

Contract #:

Project #: 081

Scope of Work: