

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM

August 2, 2021

**TO:** Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

**FROM:** Cordaryl M. Patrick, Director of Economic and Community Development  
Scot Wrighton, City Manager  
Richelle Dunbar, Asst. Director Economic and Community Development

**SUBJECT:** Sub recipient Agreement with Dove, Inc. for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends entering into a one year sub-recipient agreement with Dove, Inc., administer the City's rent, mortgage and utility relief program to Decatur residents in the amount of \$450,000.

**BACKGROUND:** Since the start of the pandemic, the city's Economic and Community Development Department has been one of the recipient and administrator of relief funds that have come directly from the Federal government and State government. Many of these funds have had different grant compliance requirements, which has limited the effectiveness of the funds. As you know, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide emergency funds to eligible local governments. As it relates to economic and community development, serving the hardest-hit communities and families is an eligible category, which includes assisting families with rent, mortgage and utility relief.

The City currently has an agreement with Dove, Inc. to provide these services utilizing the CDBG-CV funds, but due to the very difficult compliance requirements of those funds, the program has not been able to assist those that need this relief the most. Therefore, we will terminate and close-out the current agreement with Dove upon execution of this agreement so that we can prevent families from being at risk of homelessness and/or broken apart. Dove Financial Services, which is housed at Northeast Community Fund, has an existing system in place to assist with rent, mortgage and utility assistance. They also are linked to the OASIS program, which is used by other local agencies to ensure there is no duplication of services, which is a requirement of this agreement.

**POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS:** Staff is not aware of objections.

**INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES:** Comments and information were secured through public meetings and input from a variety of community organizations, including the Landlord Association and rent, mortgage and utility assistance was a documented need.

**STAFF REFERENCE:** Should the City Council have any questions, they may contact Cordaryl M. Patrick, Director of Economic and Community Development, at 217-424-2727 or e-mail [cpatrick@decaturil.gov](mailto:cpatrick@decaturil.gov).

**BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:** None