Agenda Item # 17

Date 5/1/24

United Way

Fremont Area United Way

4-18-2024

Regarding: ARPA award to Fremont Area United Way

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the funding spent to date regarding the ARPA award to Fremont Area United Way, and to request a slight change in the award categories from the initial designation.

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In late 2022 Fremont Area United Way received notice of the ARPA award with a total amount of \$900,000. Fremont Area United Way received that award in the following categories.

CURRENT AWARD DESIGNATION AMOUNTS

- Basic Needs (Rent and Utility assistance in Dodge County) \$400,000 (\$107,646 remaining)
- Partner Agency awards to area non-profits \$400,000 (\$156,652 remaining)
- Olson Community Engagement Center Building Award of \$100,000 (\$100,000 remaining)

It is the request of the Fremont Area United Way board to change the allocation amounts in the following ways:

REQUESTED CHANGE TO DESIGNATED AMOUNTS

- Basic Needs (Rent and Utility assistance in Dodge County) \$425,000
- Partner Agency Awards to area non-profits \$425,000
- Olson Community Engagement Center Building Award of \$50,000

The reason for the requested reallocation is as we have gathered estimates and organized a plan for the building changes, making the space more open and user friendly for the public, we believe we are able to complete those projects for approximately \$50,000. Should the cost exceed that amount we will utilize Fremont Area United Way funds to complete the building updates.

Fremont Area United Way is grateful for the ARPA award. It has been a privilege to witness the impact the funds have made on the community. So many families have been able to stay in their home, and keep the lights on because of this assistance. Partner agencies have been able to keep valuable staff and programs going because of the impact of these funds. Moving \$50,000 to the Basic Needs and Agency award categories allows for continued impact in the areas of greatest need, at this time for the community.

Please allow this letter to serve as a formal request for this no-cost, reallocation of funding. If for any reason further documentation or explanation is needed please let me know and I would be happy to respond with additional information.

Thank you,

Christy Fiala

Executive Director