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Substitute resolution providing a COP House grant to Journey House to develop the Southside City Hub and The Journey Café at a property at 2033 West Scott Street, in the 8th Aldermanic District.

This substitute resolution approves the allocation of a \$93,750.00 grant to Journey House to develop a café and community space that aligns with the goals of the COP House concept.

Whereas, The 2019 City budget provided \$375,000 in capital funding to the Department of City Development ("DCD") for the COP House program; and

Whereas, The concept of the COP House is to renovate a City-owned foreclosed property in each of four Promise Zone neighborhoods, with the intention that the renovated space will be used as a "city hub," a community gathering place at which Milwaukee police officers and other City staff could meet with citizens for the purpose of sharing information and reducing social barriers; and

Whereas, Journey House plans to develop The Journey Café ("Café") in a building it owns at 2033 West Scott Street ("the Property"), and has proposed to include a room within the Café, the Southside City Hub ("Hub"), that could function as a community gathering space; and

Whereas, The Property was sold to Journey House by the City of Milwaukee in 2016, following the City's acquisition of the Property through tax foreclosure; and

Whereas, Journey House staff will make the Hub available to City government agencies and the community for meetings, events and drop-in appointments; and

Whereas, These activities align well with the goals of the COP House concept; and

Whereas, Journey House estimates that the cost to renovate space within the Property for the Café and Hub is approximately \$225,000; and

Whereas, Journey House has requested \$93,750.00 in COP House funding to supplement funds that have been raised privately for the project; and

Whereas, Journey House's operating plan for the Café will incorporate workforce training and employment opportunities for neighborhood youth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee approves a grant of \$93,750.00 to Journey House to assist the agency to renovate space to create the Café and Hub; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the grant be provided in accordance with terms attached hereto as Attachment A; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the appropriate City officers are authorized to take such acts as are necessary to implement the provisions and intent of this resolution, including

signing and causing the City to enter appropriate development agreements with the recipient, to be prepared by DCD in consultation with the City Attorney's Office.

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Technical correction made to the aldermanic district on 11/13/19 - LME