

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-

A RESOLUTION authorizing the contract with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA of Yakima) to provide \$2,000,000.00 of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to construct a domestic violence shelter.

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima was awarded Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF) to help address the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA of Yakima currently has a domestic violence shelter in Yakima, but is proposing a second facility that will expand their crisis shelter and transitional housing program, provide case management services and help victims rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Yakima experiences domestic violence at a rate higher than the rest of the state, and during the global COVID pandemic, those numbers increased approximately 30% according to the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, nationally, the National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice indicated that domestic violence incidents increased nationwide by 8.1% following lockdown orders; and

WHEREAS, the need for safe shelter space for victims of domestic violence and their families is not fully met by the current shelter space available in Yakima; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA has a facility that needs substantial construction and renovation, its proposed facility meets the requirements of SLRF funding, and the YWCA has provided necessary information to evaluate its ability to utilize SLRF funding pursuant to the federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to grant \$2,000,000.00 of its SLFR funding to the YWCA for construction costs associated with a new domestic violence shelter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the contract with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA of Yakima) to provide \$2,000,000.00 of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to construct a domestic violence shelter, and take all necessary steps to facilitate the funding agreement.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 7th day of February, 2023.

Janice Deccio, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk