



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the use of \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds remaining in the Small Business Equity & Recovery Program 13072 (Munis Project 13658).

Previous Commercial Ownership Assistance grants utilizing ARPA funds include:
Smart Cleaning Solutions, LLC (\$250,000, RES-23-00126, Leg file 75569)
Dane County Family Acupuncture (\$250,000, RES-23-00419, Leg file 77771)

No additional City appropriation required.

Title

Providing Golden Vibes Counseling Center or its assigns a \$200,000 loan to purchase a commercial property at 825 Williamson Street through the Commercial Ownership Assistance program under the Small Business Equity and Recovery Program (SBER) using the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) aid Local Fiscal Recovery funds and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement with Golden Vibes Counseling Center or its assigns for that purpose. (District 6)

Body

WHEREAS, business and property ownership is a vital pathway to economic empowerment. For Madison to make meaningful progress in addressing racial and gender disparities the City must go beyond programs focused on addressing basic needs, and direct more resources and strategies toward building wealth and economic empowerment among communities that are not sharing in the City's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Golden Vibes Counseling Center a Women and Black owned business that will operate its business out of this location. The businesses is committed to helping empower all people's wellness journeys through access to reliable, unbiased, and non-pathologizing mental health treatment for over six years; and

WHEREAS, Golden Vibes Counseling Center would utilize Commercial Ownership Assistance funds to assist with the acquisition of the property located at 825 Williamson Street, hereby meeting the requirements of the Commercial Ownership Assistance (COA) Program; and

WHEREAS, the COA program guidelines stipulate these funds can be no more than 25% of the total project package and all loan repayments are deferred until sale, cash-out refinance for other than property improvements, and the property is transferred or ceases to be a location for a business owned by the borrower. If any of the above happen within the first 7 years repayment of the full amount is required. If any of the above happen between years 7-15 repayment of one-half the borrowed amount will be required. If the applicant still owns the property after year 15, the original loan amount will be forgiven. There will be no interest rate; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Planning, Community, and Economic Development recommends an investment of \$200,000 of Commercial Ownership Assistance Funds to this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes a \$200,000 Commercial Ownership Assistance Program Loan to Golden Vibes Counseling Center and/or its assigns for the purchase

of the property at 825 Williamson Street; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement and/or any other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the transaction, all of which are subject to the approval of the City Attorney.