

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 American Rescue Plan Fund and awarding a twelve-month contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of community surveys and engagement software to Zencity of Harris County, Texas under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners contract no. 191902, an existing government contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 5770, July 31, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, enacted by the U.S. Congress, provides for payments to local governments navigating the impact of COVID-19 outbreak from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and,

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan requires that these federal funds may be used only to cover expenses to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency providing premium pay to eligible workers of the State, territory, or Tribal/local government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work; for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal/local government due to CO-VID 19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal/local government prior to the emergency; and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

incurred during the period from March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County's total allocation of American Rescue Plan funds is \$136,551,645.00; and,

WHEREAS, the County Administration requests the appropriation of \$200,000.00 in ARPA funds to conduct community surveys to determine budget and policy priorities for ARPA funds; and,

WHEREAS, the recommended approach is a series of surveys with a limited number of questions accessed via social media and phone replacing the traditional approach of long surveys that are conducted primarily by mail, have long lag times, lower overall response and are the same cost as this new approach; and,

WHEREAS, Zencity of Harris County, TX has an existing software platform to support such survey and data collection; and,

WHEREAS, a one-year contract with two twelve-month options to extend with Zencity under the terms and conditions of OMINIA Partners contract no. 191902, an existing governmental contract is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jackson; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1030.4, Jackson County Code, 1984, the County Executive and the Director of Finance and Purchasing recommend the award of this under the existing competitively bid government contract because this will allow the County to take advantage of significant discounts offered to larger entities; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriation is necessary to place the funds in the proper spending accounts; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the following appropriation be and hereby is made:

<u>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</u>	<u>CHARACTER/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
American Rescue Plan Fund			
050-9999	32810- Undesignated Fund Balance	\$200,000	
Office of Communications 050-1221	56663- Software As A Service		\$200,000

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Zencity of Harris County, TX.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan D. Worsley

County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5770 introduced on July 31, 2023, was duly ~~passed on~~ **WITHDRAWN AUG 28 2023**, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Abstaining _____

Absent _____

WITHDRAWN AUG 28 2023

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5770.

Date

Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.


ACCOUNT NUMBER: 050 9999 32810
ACCOUNT TITLE: American Rescue Plan Fund
Undesignated Fund Balance
NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 050 1221 56663
ACCOUNT TITLE: American Rescue Plan Fund
Office of Communications
Software As A Service
NOT TO EXCEED: \$200,000.00

07/25/2023

Date



Sylvya Stevenson (Jul 25, 2023 20:06 CDT)

Chief Administrative Officer