

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS; APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, addressing issues of hunger, poverty, and food access are of vital importance to the Tarrant Area Food Bank and City of Mansfield; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 90,000 residents in Tarrant County living in low access areas with more than 11,000 individuals who rely on emergency food resources and services provided by the Tarrant Area Food Bank annually; and,

WHEREAS, the Tarrant Area Food Bank and City of Mansfield are committed to establishing a partnership as an important step to improving food access in every part of our community and combatting hunger across our communities by providing emergency food resources to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of this partnership will be to provide neighbors living in low-access areas with a sustainable option for purchasing groceries with home delivery via an online retail grocery store and to assist neighbors experiencing hunger and financial hardship by providing emergency food support through the Tarrant Area Food Bank's emergency home delivery and traditional emergency food services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield received \$6,550,549.00 from the federal government related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program and all ARPA funds must be obligated not later than December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the proposed partnership to be an eligible use for ARPA funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2.

The City Council hereby approves the appropriation, allocation, and expenditure of \$37,100.00 of ARPA funds to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

SECTION 3.

That a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mansfield and Tarrant Area Food Bank is hereby approved.

SECTION 4.

That the City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute any documents necessary and take such actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution.

SECTION 5.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

SECTION 6.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Mansfield, and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Michael Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susana Marin, City Secretary