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# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Kara Homan, AICP, Director of Community & Economic Development  
Jeri Ohman, Director of Finance

DATE: October 16, 2023

RE: American Rescue Plan Act – Recommendation to Award Grant to  
Thompson Center on Lourdes, Inc.

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Pursuant to the potential partnership / sub-tenant relationship between Thompson Center on Lourdes (TCoL) and the City of Appleton / Appleton Public Library, the City began discussions in earnest about the potential to provide financial support to the Thompson Center on Lourdes, Inc. and their related Senior Center functions via American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

TCoL submitted funding eligibility documentation, which was reviewed and vetted by the City's external ARPA consultant Booth Management Consulting (BMC) for completeness and ARPA program alignment/regulatory compliance. The City of Appleton, via BMC, has determined that the Thompson Center on Lourdes, Inc. (TCoL) is eligible to receive an ARPA grant via the US Treasury's Assistance to Non-Profits eligibility category. BMC has recommended providing the grant in the form of a Beneficiary Agreement.

**Staff Recommendation:**

City Finance Department and Community & Economic Development Department staff recommends **APPROVAL** of awarding the Thompson Center on Lourdes, Inc. an ARPA grant in the amount of \$1,000,000, from the following City of Appleton ARPA allocation categories:

- \$500,000 from the "Arts, Culture and Educational Institutions" category
- \$500,000 from the "Social Infrastructure, Belonging and Neighborhoods" category

The remaining funds for all allocation categories can be found on the next page, for reference.

**Exhibit 1: Status of City of Appleton ARPA Allocation Categories**

	Allocated	Obligated	Available
<b>Arts, Culture and Educational Institutions: \$500,000</b>	\$ 500,000		\$ -
<i>Thompson Center on Lourdes, Inc. (Proposed)</i>		\$ 500,000	
<b>Community Wellness, Mental Health, Violence Prevention:</b>	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000
<b>Social Infrastructure, Belonging and Neighborhood Resiliency:</b>	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 500,000
<i>Thompson Center on Lourdes, Inc. (Proposed)</i>		\$ 500,000	
<b>Local Economic Recovery:</b>	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000
<b>Affordable Housing &amp; Housing Support:</b>	\$ 3,000,000		\$ 1,800,000
RISE Apartments, LLC		\$ 1,000,000	
Habitat for Humanity Fox Cities, Inc.		\$ 200,000	
<b>Early Childhood Development, Child Care &amp; Families</b>	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000

Cc: Colleen Rortvedt, Director, APL  
 Dean Gazza, Director, PRFM