

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

**RESOLUTION #2023-067
OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION FOR EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
FOR A GRANT TO AN ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITY**

WHEREAS, Baldwin County, Alabama ("the County") has received American Rescue Plan Act state and local fiscal recovery funds ("ARPA funds") and is charged with ensuring that such funds are expended in accordance with state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the County may provide financial assistance to nonprofit entities where this assistance will serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 603(c)(3) of the ARPA, PL 117-2, March 11, 2021, 135 Stat 4, the County may transfer ARPA funds to nonprofit entities; and

WHEREAS, the CARE House, Inc., also known as the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center, submitted a timely application for a grant of ARPA funds to mitigate financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County has considered and evaluated this entity's application and determined:

- 1) That the entity is eligible to receive ARPA funds;
- 2) That the entity has demonstrated that it suffered a significant, objectively quantifiable financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and has not received any alternative funding to mitigate this hardship;
- 3) That the entity has demonstrated that an award of a grant of ARPA funds to the entity would serve a public purpose by conferring a direct benefit to a significant portion of the community; and
- 4) More specifically, that the entity will provide Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to children who are victims of abuse or have witnessed domestic violence or homicide; and
- 5) That providing this benefit is within the County's state statutory or constitutional authority under Ala. Const. Art. IV, § 88.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to provide a grant to the CARE House, a nonprofit entity, to further this public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the program is a necessary, eligible, and reasonable use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION as follows:

1) The County shall use ARPA funds to provide a grant in the amount of \$51,815.00 to the CARE House.

2) The Chairman of the County Commission is hereby directed to provide a conditional award letter to the CARE House.

3) Upon receipt of the signed acknowledgment and acceptance of the award letter, including all related terms and conditions, by the CARE House, the Chairman of the County Commission is authorized to expend ARPA funds consistent with this Resolution.

4) Expenditure of these funds, as authorized by this Resolution, shall be contingent on the continued appropriation and availability of ARPA funds for this purpose, and in no event shall the funds be issued after December 31, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Baldwin County Commission has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman on the 24th day of February, 2023.



Charles F. Gruber
Chairman, Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:



Ronald J. Cink
Budget Director/Interim County Administrator

