

RESOLUTION R43-13

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2002 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN TO ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR BETHLEHEM HOUSE FOR THAT PARTICULAR YEAR AND FUND CERTAIN SERVICES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARKING DECK IN SPECIFIC AND/OR PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN GENERAL IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

WHEREAS; The 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan for Conway included \$24,000 to be awarded to Bethlehem House for the purchase of land and/or buildings for a new facility for the homeless in Conway; and

WHEREAS, Bethlehem House is not ready at this time to proceed with development of a new homeless facility; and

WHEREAS, timeliness in the expenditure of grant funds is encouraged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which administers the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the downtown area is in a low- to moderate-income zone and is eligible for the use of CDBG funds for economic development and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the City is in need of expending monies now to study the feasibility of various locations for a parking deck and to undertake the surveys and appraisals of various sites for locating a deck and in regulating long term public parking; and

WHEREAS, the city has been notified by HUD that it will receive \$130,000 in additional CDBG funding for fiscal year 2003 which has not yet been allocated in the 2003 CDBG Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, this additional annual funding will allow the city to more quickly fund the Bethlehem House project as soon as Bethlehem House is ready to proceed with its project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT

SECTION 1: The 2002 CDBG Action Plan is to be amended to remove the \$24,000 allocated to Bethlehem House in that particular year and to add \$20,000 for the City of Conway Downtown parking project.

SECTION 2: The City Council recognizes the extreme need for a new facility for Bethlehem House in order to adequately and decently address the needs of the homeless population in the Conway area and commits to restore this funding and promises additional future funding to Bethlehem House for this project as they proceed.

PASSED this 25th day of March 2003.

APPROVED:



Mayor Tab Townsell

ATTEST:



Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

