

AGENDA ITEM:

Pack Place Funding

MEETING DATE:

August 19, 2014

REQUESTED BY:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the 2015 budget process, the CRA and the Board of Commissioners approved an appropriation of \$409,076 for Pack Place. The payment was restricted – and could only be paid to Pack Place Board.

With each Pack Place Partner entering individual leases with the City of Asheville, the County needs to determine if/how the appropriation should be reallocated.

County staff recommends the following changes:

- Pay existing Partners a total of \$101k (inclusive of expenses incurred to date) for operating expenses. This will be paid based on square footage occupancy of Pack Place.
- Pay YMI \$19k to cover insurance and janitorial services
- Pay full year of utilities of \$185k, but require City of Asheville, Pack Place Partners and Pack Place Board to advise us on who will be responsible for future utilities and pay that organization the balance of 2014- 2015 utility bill. Utilities must be transferred from the County's name by January 1, 2015.

To address other core service requests: Allocate \$25,000 to Big Ivy Community Center for medical clinic services and \$35,000 to DOT for Owen sidewalks.

This leaves a balance of \$44,000 available to the Board to address any emergency issues during the transition.