

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to enter into an agreement with Our House for management and implementation operation of the activities Financial Navigators Grant.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement with Our House to administer the Financial Navigators Grant.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The City was awarded \$80,000.00 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund, Inc., for a Financial Navigators Grant. The City has partnered with CFE Fund and Our House to administer the grant. As the City's identified community-based partner for this grant, Our House, the City will remit to Our House \$73,000.00 for the implementation of the grant, and will utilize the remaining \$7,000.00 for 21.8% of a City of Little Rock Re-Entry Program Assistant.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>Our House, the City of Little Rock's non-profit partner, has a thirty-three (33)-year track record of connecting vulnerable individuals and families to a suite of wrap-around services. The Financial Navigators Program will enable virtual delivery of those wrap-around services; assistance with accessing and maximizing public benefits such as SNAP, health and unemployment insurance, direct cash assistance</p>	

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with utility and rental payments, referrals to essential resources such as food pantries, transportation, and shelter, and financial and employment coaching, including connection to bank accounts.

The Community Programs Department has surveyed families who were slated to participate in the City's Summer Youth Employment Program, and the survey results indicated that 55% of this group is experiencing a high level of need during this time. The Financial Navigators Program will prioritize meeting the reported needs of Little Rock's most vulnerable communities, and the City is committed to continually adjusting these priorities based on the feedback of the individuals and families served by the program.