

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MARCH 19, 2024 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,162 (October 2, 2023), to extend the contract with Our House, for an additional ten (10) months to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>A resolution to amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,162 (October 2, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to execute a ten (10)-month contract extension with the Our House, for an additional ten (10) months to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The contract extension is in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and funds are available from the 2024 Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Special Project Budget Allocation.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,518 (August 3, 2021) stated the intended uses of the first tranche of allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and Community Violence Intervention Programs were listed as such use in the resolution.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
CONTINTUED**

Bid No. 1488, dated December 27, 2021, requested applications for Community Violence Prevention Services that would become part of the Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Programs conducted by qualified organizations located anywhere within City Limits. As a result of Bid No. 1488, Community Violence Reduction Services, ten (10) applications, met the minimum score for funding consideration.

Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,626 (February 15, 2022) authorized a contract with Our House, in the amount of \$200,000.00, to provide Contractual Services and Activities designed to reduce violence.

Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,889 (February 7, 2023) was approved authorizing a time-only six (6)-month extension of the contract, to allow the organization to completely expend the remainder of ARPA Funds awarded.

As of September 2023, the organization had only \$150,849.05 of the funds awarded, and Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,132 (October 2, 2023) was approved authorizing a time-only three (3)-month extension of the contract to utilize the remainder of their funds.

As the City of Little Rock remains committed to providing services and activities designed to reduce violence and increase public safety for City residents, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families voted at their July 12, 2023, meeting to endorse the extension of this contract for an additional ten (10) months using Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Funds. The requested term of the contract extension is for the period of ten months, beginning March 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.