

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JUNE 9, 2020 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorization to enter into contracts for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS

A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Grant funding to the Arkansas Regional Commission in a total amount not to exceed \$19,695.00 and Pulaski County Community Services in a total amount not to exceed \$59,085.00 for one (1)-year.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive a supplemental allocation of HOPWA funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to prevent, prepare for, and response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The City will have fourteen (14) days to execute new project sponsor agreements with current project sponsors once the City execute grant agreements with HUD. The contracts are consistent with the City's Adopted Citizen Participation Plan and the Consolidated Planning Committee and the recommended sources and uses of the City's 2020 HUD Entitlement Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the resolution.

BACKGROUND

The City of Little Rock is designated by HUD as an entitlement jurisdiction to administer the HOPWA Program for a six (6)-County area including Pulaski, Faulkner, Saline, Lonoke, Perry, and Grant Counties.

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On April 2, 2020, the City was informed that supplemental allocation in the of amount of \$81,216.00 provided under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) which was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The City has submitted their 2020 Annual Action Plan to include the supplemental allocation for HOPWA. Arkansas Regional Commission (\$19,695.00) will provide Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance, and Supportive Services in Faulkner County. Pulaski County Community Services (\$59,085.00) will provide Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance, and Supportive Services in Pulaski County.