

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JULY 12, 2022 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to enter into an agreement with the Little Rock School District for management and implementation operation of the activities Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District to administer the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The City was awarded \$1,000,000 from the United States Department of Justice. The City has partnered with the Little Rock School District to administer the grant. The City will use a portion of the funds to hire two (2) Social Workers whose salaries and benefits are not to exceed \$72,000.00 for each employee. The remaining funds will be used to further the grant's goals.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The purpose of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant is to reduce crime in neighborhoods with hot spots of crime. The City was awarded the grant to provide services at Stephens Elementary School, the Stephens Community Center and the community they both serve. Specifically, the grant's activities will help to foster closer ties between the school, the surrounding community, and the Little Rock Police Department and to help meet students' needs, particularly behavioral health services and interventional services related to violence.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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In the course of implementing the Byrne Grant, the City will work to 1) increase transparency and communication in violence prevention efforts within the Target Community; 2) grow the Community Schools Model as a hub for empowerment and engagement in the Target Community; and 3) align violence reduction resources to better meet the needs of the Target Community.

In 2020, the City began a major initiative to implement the CSM in partnership with the Little Rock School District (LRSD) according to which the responsibility for delivering high-quality teaching and learning employing a challenging curriculum is the responsibility of LRSD while the City will implement the Community Schools Model in support of those core educational endeavors by providing City assets, assisting in the pursuit of philanthropic, business, and nonprofit resources, and developing vibrant partnerships.