

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AGENDA**

| Subject: | Action Required: | Approved By: |
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| <p>A Sole-Source Contract with World Services for the Blind, Inc., for the renovation of congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p> |
| SYNOPSIS | <p>An ordinance authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Agreement with World Services for the Blind, Inc., to complete the renovation of congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> | |
| FISCAL IMPACT | <p>This contract will be funded with \$100,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA Funds).</p> | |
| RECOMMENDATION | <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> | |
| BACKGROUND | <p>In Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,676 (May 3, 2020), the Board of Directors stated the intended uses of a portion of the first tranche allotment of ARPA Funds. These funds were to be used, among other things, to address needs of Public Health Measures to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic and the means to address Negative Economic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. World Services for the Blind, Inc., has undertaken a renovation project for its congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. World Services for the Blind, Inc., requires additional funding to complete this project and is the only organization able to adequately meet the needs of blind residents who will reside in the congregate housing it is renovating.</p> | |