

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 16, 2018 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Research Partner Contract for the Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Grant</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Little Rock Police Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, for services as a research partner for the 2017 Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Grant.</p> <p>The amount is not to exceed \$62,800 is 100% funded through the 2017 Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) Grant, Account No. 270529-G35158 63390.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The City of Little Rock has received a United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance TIPS Grant for a project to leverage technology to aid in the investigation of shooting incidents. The Little Rock Police Department, and its Research Partner, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will conduct an evaluation of the grant program and a detailed analysis of shooting incidents including determine individuals involved in incident and on the periphery of the incident. The Research Partner was selected by a Request for Qualifications Committee appointed by the City Manager utilizing the standard City of Little Rock Purchasing Procedures.</p>	

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The grant requires the City to have a Research Partner to analyzing the effectiveness of this program and document the results in a manner that will allow the results to be replicated by other Law Enforcement Agencies. The Research Partner will conduct an evaluation and aid in compilation and analysis of the social network data as well as tracking incidents from investigation, to arrest, to prosecution, and to sentencing. In addition to support from the UALR Criminal Justice Department faculty, UALR will provide a part-time (twenty (20) hours a week) Doctoral Student to be assigned to the project.