

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
MAY 3, 2022 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>A resolution authorizing a Sub Award with the University of Arkansas to serve as a Research Partner for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant.</p>	<p>Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sub Award Agreement with the University of Arkansas to serve as a Research Partner for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant.</p>	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>The City was awarded \$1,000,000 from the Department of Justice for "Community Schools as a Hub for Promoting Personal Resilience and Neighborhood Empowerment" which assists the students and families of Stephens Elementary School. The University of Arkansas' Sub Award is \$175,349.00 paid over the grant's three (3)-year period, and funds are available in Account No. 270159-G15DF211-63391.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>The City of Little Rock entered into a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Arkansas. The partnership is designed for the U of A Research Team to work with the City of Little Rock and City Agencies/Departments in data sharing. The MOU provide for data access and assistance with funding proposals for the purposes of external funding of their research efforts.</p> <p>Goals within the school radius: 1) Reduce in-school related disciplinary actions; 2) Align resources with needs for parents and students; 3) Develop a sustainable model within Community School Model for violence reduction and community involvement that can be used in other Little Rock Schools.</p>	

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The Target Community has disproportionate amounts of violence, calls-for service, and worse health indicators than the city of Little Rock as a whole. The catchment area is a 3.5 square-miles (2.5 % of total area) and impacts 12,546 within Zip Code 72204.