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A RESOLUTION TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK. ARK.. 3 RESOLUTION NO. 15,627 (FEBRUARY 15, 2022), TO 4 5 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL 6 ARKANSAS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-EIGHT 7 8 THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$88,642.00), TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE REDUCTION SERVICES 9 AND ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE AND 10 INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, AS ENDORSED BY THE COMMISSION 11 ON CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER 12 PURPOSES. 13

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WHEREAS, in Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,518 (August 3, 2021), the Board of Directors stated the intended uses of a portion of the first tranche of allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"); and,

WHEREAS, Community Violence Intervention Programs, with an estimated total of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), were listed as such use in the resolution; and,

WHEREAS, there was an increase in criminal activity over the course of the Pandemic and the City responded to this activity as a Public Health Emergency by providing Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities for the benefit of City residents, particularly in areas identified by the Little Rock Police Department as "hot spots" in Wards I, 2, 6, and 7, in an effort to increase positive outcomes and the overall quality of life for the children, youth and families residing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, Bid No. 1488 dated December 27, 2021, requested applications for Community Violence Reduction Services that would become part of the Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Programs conducted by qualified organizations located anywhere within City Limits; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Bid No. 1488, Community Violence Reduction Services, ten (10) applications, which met the minimum score for funding consideration, were selected by a Review Committee, of which Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas was

- 1 one of the ten (10) recipients; and,
- WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark., Resolution
- No. 15,627, which authorized a one (1)-year contract from March 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023, and stated
- 4 that upon mutual agreement, the initial contract could be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1)-year
- 5 terms of a calendar year, or a portion thereof, based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds
- 6 for an amount not to exceed Eighty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$88,642.00) per
- 7 contract per calendar year; and,
- 8 WHEREAS, upon the formal adoption of the resolution, contracts were negotiated, finalized
- 9 and executed with each of the qualified organizations within the amount of ARPA Funds that
- 10 had been identified for Community Violence Intervention Programs; and,
- WHEREAS, program services did not begin until July 2022, and as of January 2023, Big
- 12 Brothers/Big Sisters had only expended Sixty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Six and 96/100
- 13 Dollars (\$63,236.96); and,
- 14 WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark., Resolution
- No. 15,881, which authorized a six (6)-month contract extension to allow the organization to expend all
- 16 funds allocated; and,
- WHEREAS, the provider has completed program services for one (1)-year and as a result, staff
- 18 recommended a one (1)-year extension; and,
- 19 **WHEREAS,** at their December 6, 2023, Meeting, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families
- 20 reviewed the recommendation and now endorse the following recommendation for approval; and,
- 21 **WHEREAS,** upon the formal adoption of this resolution, the negotiation process will start with an
- intent to execute the contract extension.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
- 24 THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
- 25 Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a one
- 26 (1)-year contract extension with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas, in an amount not
- 27 to exceed Eighty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$88,642.00), to provide
- 28 Contractual Services and Activities designed to reduce violence.
- 29 **Section 2.** Funds for this extension are available in the 2024 PIT Allocation, Account No.
- 30 108159-S15C.
- 31 **Section 3.** The term for such contract shall be for a period no longer than twelve (12)
- 32 months. The programs will operate from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with the
- final report due January 31, 2025, with the understanding that the City ratifies, accepts and will
- 34 compensate any work completed between January 1, 2024, and the effective date of the approved
- contract. Upon mutual agreement, the contract may be extended for one (1) additional one (1)-year

1 term of a calendar year (January 1st - December 31st), or a portion thereof, based on satisfactory 2 performance and availability of funds for an amount not to exceed Eighty-Eight Thousand, Six 3 Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$88,642.00), per calendar year. 4 Section 4. All payments are conditioned upon entry into a contract for services; further, 5 nothing in this resolution limits the ability of the City, in its sole discretion, to procure similar 6 services from another vendor during the term of the contract authorized here. 7 Section 5. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, 8 phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, 9 such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or 10 11 unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution. 12 Section 6. Repealer. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are 13 inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,627 (February 15, 14 15 2022), and Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,881 (February 7, 2023). 16 **ADOPTED: December 12, 2023** 17 **ATTEST: APPROVED:** 18 19 20 Susan Langley, City Clerk Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor 21 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: 22 23 24 Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney 25 // 26 // 27 // 28 // 29 // 30 //31 // 32 // 33 // 34 // 35 //