1	RESOLUTION NO.		
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3	A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANGER TO EXTEND		
4	THE CONTRACT WITH OUR HOUSE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO		
5	EXCEED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000.00), FOR THE		
6	PURPOSE OF MANAGEMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION		
7	OF A RESOURCE HOTLINE AS A CONTINUATION OF THE		
8	ACTIVITIES OF THE FINANCIAL NAVIGATORS GRANT		
9	PREVIOUSLY FUNDED THROUGH CITIES FOR FINANCIAL		
10	EMPOWERMENT, AS ENDORSED BY THE COMMISSION ON		
11	CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13	WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, remains committed to assisting low-income, homeless,		
14	and near-homeless individuals and families, a population particularly hard-hit by the economic fallout of		
15	the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,		
16	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has shown its support for aiding community members		
17	experiencing a host of challenges and hardships; and,		
18	WHEREAS, Our House, the City of Little Rock's non-profit partner, has a thirty-three (33)-year track		
19	record of connecting vulnerable individuals and families to a suite of wrap-around services; and,		
20	WHEREAS, in a survey of clients who had been impacted by the Pandemic, Our House found that		
21	66% of the population it serves had lost employment or had their hours cut. Respondents shared that they		
22	had experienced dramatic increases in stress levels (68%) due to factors like financial insecurity, social		
23	isolation, housing instability, lack of childcare and joblessness; and,		
24	WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock's Community Programs Department provides quality Prevention,		
25	Intervention, and Treatment (PIT) Programming that utilizes citizen involvement, evidence-based practices		
26	and standardized processes with the goal of increasing positive outcomes and the quality of life for all		
27	citizens; and,		
28	WHEREAS, staff found in a survey of clients impacted by the Pandemic, 55% of the individuals was		
29	experiencing a high level of need during this time; and,		
30	WHEREAS, the Resources Hotline enabled Our House and staff to continue to provide a remote "one-		
31	stop-shop" and log approximately 18,549 hours for 5,670 Little Rock residents, leveraging the networks,		
32	resources, and institutional know-how of both municipal and community-based non-profit partners.		
33	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		

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OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

1	Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to	extend the contract, in an amount not to exceed Eighty		
2	Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00), with Our House for the expressed purpose to continue the Resources			
3	Hotline Initiative, providing free remote-based financial triage and guide clients to a range of national and			
4	local programs, services, and resources, in alignment with the model requirements as established by the			
5	original grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund.			
6	Section 2. Funds available through a contract using the 2023 PIT Allocation, Account No. 108159-			
7	S15C515.			
8	Section 3. The term for the contract listed in Section 1 of this resolution shall be for a period no longer			
9	than one (1)-year starting April 1, 2023, and ending on March 31, 2024.			
10	Section 4. Our House will report to Community Programs Staff and will cooperate and confer with			
11	him/her as necessary to insure satisfactory work progress.			
12	Section 5. The City Manager shall be satisfied with a plan to operate a remote "one-stop-shop" for			
13	residents of Little Rock, leveraging the networks, re-sources, and institutional know-how of both municipal			
14	and community-based non-profit partners in advance of disbursement of the funds.			
15	Section 6. All payments are conditioned upon entry into contracts for services that are in a form			
16	acceptable to the City Attorney; further, nothing in this resolution prevents the City from being able to offer			
17	similar services to any vendor if, in its sole discretion, it decides to do so.			
18	Section 7. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or			
19	word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or			
20	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and			
21	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the			
22	resolution.			
23	Section 8. Repealer. All laws, ordinances and	Section 8. Repealer. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent		
24	with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.			
25	ADOPTED: March 21, 2023			
26	ATTEST:	APPROVED:		
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29	Susan Langley, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor		
30	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:			
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32 33	Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney			
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