1	RESOLUTION NO		
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3	A RESOLUTION TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., RESOLUTION NO.		
4	15,391 (FEBRUARY 23, 2021) FOR A ONE (1)-YEAR EXTENSION WITH		
5	OUR HOUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGEMENT,		
6	IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE		
7	FINANCIAL NAVIGATORS GRANT FUNDED THROUGH CITIES FOR		
8	FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, INC., AS ENDORSED BY THE		
9	COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES FOR 2022;		
10	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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12	WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the Board of Director approved Little Rock, Ark., Resolution		
13	No. 15,391, which approved a one (1)-year contract with Our House, for the expressed purpose of imple-		
14	menting the Financial Navigators Initiative, providing free remote-based financial triage and guide clients		
15	to a range of national and local programs, services, and resources, in alignment with the model		
16	requirements as set by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc.; and,		
17	WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock remains committed to assist low-income, homeless, and near-		
18	homeless individuals and families in Little Rock, Arkansas, a population particularly hard-hit by the		
19	economic fallout of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,		
20	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has shown support for aiding community members experiencing		
21	a host of challenges and hardships; and,		
22	WHEREAS, Our House, the City of Little Rock's non-profit partner, has a thirty-three (33)-year		
23	track record of connecting vulnerable individuals and families to a suite of wrap-around services; and,		
24	WHEREAS, in a survey of clients who have been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, Our House		
25	found that 66% of the population it serves had lost employment or had reductions in hours worked; and,		
26	WHEREAS, approximately 68% of respondents have experienced dramatic increases in stress levels		
27	due to financial insecurity, social isolation, housing instability, lack of childcare and joblessness; and,		
28	WHEREAS, the Community Programs Department provides quality Prevention, Intervention and		
29	Treatment (PIT) Programming that utilizes citizen involvement, evidence-based practices and		
30	standardized processes with the goal of increasing positive outcomes and the quality of life for all		
31	citizens; and,		
32	WHEREAS, the Community Programs Department found that 55% of clients surveyed, that were		

impacted by the virus experience a high level of need; and,

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- WHEREAS, the Compass Platform, Financial Navigators Training and technical assistance provided
- 2 by the Citizens for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., would enable Our House and the Community
- 3 Programs Department to create a remote "one-stop-shop" for residents of Little Rock, Arkansas, leverag-
- 4 ing the networks, resources and institutional know-how of both municipal and community-based non-
- 5 profit partners; and,
- 6 WHEREAS, the City was initially awarded Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Cities
- 7 for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., for a Financial Navigators Grant. The Cities for Financial
- 8 Empowerment Fund, Inc., awarded an additional Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), which is being
- 9 matched with Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Community Programs Department for an
- additional year of services; and,
- WHEREAS, the City has partnered with Citizens for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., and Our
- House to administer, and as the City's identified community-based partner for this grant, Our House, the
- 13 City will remit to them Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); and,
- WHEREAS, upon the adoption of this resolution, the agreement executed with Our House, which
- 15 commenced on August 1, 2021, for the expressed purpose of implementing the Financial Navigators
- 16 Initiative, which provides free remote-based financial triage and guide clients to a range of national and
- 17 local pro-grams, services, and resources, in alignment with the model requirements as set by the Cities for
- Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., will be extended for a period of one (1)-year.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

20 OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

- 21 **Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to enter into a one (1)-year contract extension with Our
- 22 House commencing on August 1, 2022, for the expressed purpose of implementing the Financial
- Navigators Initiative, which provides free remote-based financial triage and guide clients to a range of
- 24 national and local programs, services, and resources, in alignment with the model requirements as set by
- 25 the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc.
- Section 2. The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., awarded an additional Forty Thousand
- 27 Dollars (\$40,000.00), which is being matched with Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the
- 28 Community Programs Department for the additional year of services. The City has partnered with the
- 29 Citizens for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., and Our House to administer. As the City's identified
- 30 community-based partner for this grant, Our House, the City will remit to them Eighty Thousand Dollars
- 31 (\$80,000.00) from Account Numbers 108159-S15C338 and 270159-G035098.
- 32 Section 3. Our House shall report to the City and the Community Programs Department and will
- cooperate and confer with them as necessary to insure satisfactory work progress.
- Section 4. The City Manager shall be satisfied the program to create a remote "one-stop-shop" for

1	residents of Little Rock, leveraging the networks, resources, and institutional know-now of both		
2	municipal and community-based non-profit partners has been implemented in advance of disbursement of		
3	the funds.		
4	Section 5. All payments are conditioned upon the execution of the 2022 extension contracts fo		
5	services that are in an acceptable form to the City Attorney.		
6	Section 6. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or		
7	word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or		
8	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and		
9	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the		
10	resolution.		
11	Section 7. Repealer. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent		
12	with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.		
13	ADOPTED: May 3, 2022		
14	ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
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16	Susan I an alay City Clark	Fugul Coott Iv Mayor	
17	Susan Langley, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor	
18	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:		
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21	Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney	_	
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