

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
OCTOBER 2, 2023 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,884 (February 7, 2023), to extend the contract with Unity Arts, for an additional twelve (12) months to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Unity Arts, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.</p> <p>The contract extension is in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.00, and funds are available from Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Funds, Account No. 108159-S15C505.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>Resolution No. 15,518 (August 3, 2021) stated the intended uses of the first tranche of allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA), and Community Violence Intervention Programs were listed as such use in the resolution.</p>	

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Resolution No. 15,621 (February 15, 2022) authorized a contract with Unity Arts, in the amount of \$28,500.00, to provide Contractual Services and Activities designed to reduce violence. Resolution No. 15,884 (February 7, 2023) was approved authorizing a six (6)-month extension of the contract, to allow the organization to completely expend the remainder of ARPA Funds awarded. As of September 2023, the organization has successfully completed all contract requirements and expended the total amount allocated.

As the City of Little Rock remains committed to providing services and activities designed to reduce violence and increase public safety for City residents, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families voted at their July 12, 2023, meeting to endorse the extension of this contract for an additional year using Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Funds.