RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., RESOLUTION NO. 15,880 (FEBRUARY 7, 2023), TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TWELVE (12)-MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SONGBIRD MEDIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($75,000.00), TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE REDUCTION SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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), are listed as such use in the resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Bid No. 1488 dated December 27, 2021, requested applications for Community Violence Prevention 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; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15,628, (February 15, 2022), was approved by the Board of Directors, authorizing a contract with Songbird Media, in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.00), to provide Contractual Services and Activities designed to reduce violence; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15,880 (February 7, 2023) was approved by the Board of Directors authorizing a six (6)-month extension of the contract to allow the organization to expend the remainder of the ARPA Funds available; and,

WHEREAS, as of September 2023, the organization has successfully completed all contract requirements and expended the total amount allocated; and;

WHEREAS, the City remains committed to providing services and activities designed to reduce violence and increase public safety for City residents; and,

WHEREAS, 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 utilizing Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Funds.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension agreement with Songbird Media, in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.00), to provide Community Violence Reduction Services.

Section 2. Funds for this program are available in Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Funds, Account No. 108159-S15C505.

Section 3. The term for such contract shall be for a period no longer than twelve (12) months to begin on or about October 3, 2023, through September 30, 2024, with a final report due October 31, 2024; further, the City ratifies, accepts and will compensate any work done between October 3, 2023, and the effective date of any approved and executed contract in a form acceptable to the City Attorney as to legal form.

Section 4. All payments are conditioned upon entry into a contract for services; further, nothing in this resolution limits the ability of the City, in its sole discretion, to procure similar services from another vendor during the term of the contract authorized here.

Section 5. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, 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 unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 6. Repealer. All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark. Resolution No. 15,518 (August 3, 2021), Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,628 (February 15, 2022) and Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,880 (February 7, 2023) that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: October 2, 2023

ATTEST: __________________________________________________________

Susan Langley, City Clerk

APPROVED: _______________________________________________________

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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