

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 2, 2020 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorization to enter into contract for Emergency Solutions Grant (COVID-19) (ESG-COVID-19).</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with World Services for the Blind, for Emergency Solutions Covid-19 (ESG COVID-19) Grant Funding, for Rapid-Rehousing and Homeless Prevention Services within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p> <p>The total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for one (1)-year, and funds are available from the City’s allocation of ESG-CV Funds from the Arkansas Department of Human Services.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The City of Little Rock was granted ESG-CV Funds made available pursuant to the Coronavirus AID, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020. The ESG-CV is designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. The funds will also support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The City issued a Request for Qualifications dated September 1, 2020, to procure a service provider for ESG-CV assistance.</p>	

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On October 12, 2020, World Services for the Blind was selected by the Selection Committee to provide ESG-CV services over one (1)-year, with the City's option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year or a portion thereof depending on service needs and availability of funding with the right to terminate the agreement upon completion of the grant. World Services for the Blind will provide Rapid-Rehousing and Homeless Prevention Services in Little Rock.