RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK. RESOLUTION NO. 15,887 (FEBRUARY 7, 2023); TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TEN (10)-MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES PROJECT HEAL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 50/100 DOLLARS ($199,966.50), 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, in Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,622 (February, 15, 2022), the City Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and 50/100 Dollars ($199,966.50), to provide Contractual Services and Activities designed to reduce violence; and,

WHEREAS, the program services began in August 2022, and an additional ten (10)-month contract enabled the organization a full year of services for Project Heal; and,

WHEREAS, in Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,887 (February 7, 2023), the City Manager was authorized to enter into a time-only six (6)-month extension to allow Project Heal to utilize the remainder of their ARPA funds; 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 authorize the City Manager to enter into a ten (10) month contract extension with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Project Heal, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and 50/100 Dollars ($199,966.50), to provide Contractual Services and Activities designed to reduce violence.

Section 2. Funds for this extension are available in the 2024 Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Special Project Budget Allocation.

Section 3. The term for the contract extension amendment shall be for a period no longer than ten (10) months to begin on or about March 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with a final report due January 31, 2025; further the City ratifies, accepts and will compensate any work done between March 1, 2024, and the effective date of any approved an 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 the extension of 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. 15,622 (February 15, 2022) and Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,887 (February 7, 2023), that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: March 19, 2024

ATTEST:                               APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk        Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney