

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 21, 2019 AGENDA**

Subject: Authorization for the City Manager to enter into contract for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Submitted By: Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department	Action Required: Ordinance √ Resolution	Approved By: Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	Authorizes the City Manager to enter into contract for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding to the Arkansas Regional Commission in a total amount not to exceed a combined total of \$103,720 for one (1)-year.	
FISCAL IMPACT	The City receives an annual allocation of HOPWA Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The contract is consistent with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan and the Consolidated Planning Committee and the recommended sources and uses of the City's 2019 HUD Entitlement Funds.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the resolution.	
BACKGROUND	The City of Little Rock is designated by HUD as an entitlement jurisdiction to administer the HOPWA Program for a six (6) county area including Pulaski, Faulkner, Saline, Lonoke, Perry, and Grant Counties. The City issued a 2 nd Request for Qualifications dated January 8, 2019, to procure a service provider for HOPWA assistance.	

**BACKGROUND
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The City's current agreement with Arkansas Regional Commission approves services for one (1)-year, with the option to renew the term two (2) times in one (1)-year increments with the right to terminate the agreement upon completion of the Federal-Funded Housing Programs. This is the first renewal of the two (2)-year option to renew.

Arkansas Regional Commission (\$103,720) will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance, Permanent Housing Placement Services, and Supportive Services in Faulkner County.