

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JUNE 6, 2023 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorization for the City Manager to enter into contract with Arkansas Regional Commission for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding</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: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>To authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Arkansas Regional Commission for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding for a one (1)-year period.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The total amount is not to exceed \$112,468.87. The City receives an annual allocation of HOPWA Funds from the United States 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 2021-2022 HUD Entitlement Funds.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>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 Request for Qualifications (Bid No. 1493) dated January 7, 2022, to procure a Service Provider for HOPWA Assistance.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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On February 11, 2022, the Arkansas Regional Commission was selected by the Selection Committee to provide HOPWA Services for the Counties of Grant, Lonoke, Perry & Saline for a one (1)-year period.

On March 15, 2022, Resolution No. 15,638, was approved by the Board of Directors to enter into a contract with Arkansas Regional Commission for a period of one (1)-year, with the option to renew the term two (2) times in one (1)-year increments; this represents the first year of the two (2)-year option to renew.

The Arkansas Regional Commission will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance, Permanent Housing Placement Services, and Supportive Services in Grant, Lonoke, Perry & Saline Counties.