## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION JULY 1, 2025 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance to amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 22,527 (October 4, 2024), for a six (6) month extension with Central Arkansas Library System for the Be Mighty Program.	√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution	
<b>Submitted By:</b> Community Programs		Delphone Hubbard City Manager
SYNOPSIS FISCAL IMPACT	An ordinance to amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 22,527 (October 4, 2024) to authorize the City Manager to enter into a six (6)-month contract extension with the Central Arkansas Library System ("CALS") for the Be Mighty Afterschool and Summer Meals Program. The extension contract amendment is not to exceed \$50,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for six (6) months. Allowable expenditures on or after July 1, 2025, until the contract's scheduled completion date of December 31, 2025, shall be covered as expressed in the program provider's signed contract.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.	
BACKGROUND	Due to an increase in criminal activity within the City over the course of the Pandemic prompted the need for City response to the Public Health Emergency by providing Community Violence Reduction Services and activities for the benefit of City residents, particularly in areas identified by the Little Rock Police Department as "Hot Spots", e.g. Wards 1, 2, 6, and 7, to increase positive outcomes and the overall quality of life for the children, youth, and families residing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.	

**BACKGROUND CONTINUED** Be Mighty Little Rock connects kids and teens under 18 with free meals at several local libraries. They support community food security with Little Free Pantries, cooking classes, and health and wellness classes. Be Mighty works with SNAP Navigators to help at several library locations. They also support CALS' Little Free Pantries.