

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JULY 15, 2025 AGENDA**

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| Subject: Arkansas Economic Development Commission Grant Application Approval | Action Required: Ordinance √ Resolution | Approved By: Delphone Hubbard City Manager |
| Submitted By: Finance | | |

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| SYNOPSIS | A resolution to authorize the City Manager to apply and accept Six Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Ninety-Six Dollars (\$656,096.00) in grant funding, which will require One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Twenty-Four Dollars (\$164,024.00) in City match funding, to support the replacement of twenty (20) outdated Motorola dispatch consolettes and restoration of the Mach Alert fire dispatching system, for a total project cost of Eight Hundred Twenty One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$820,120.00). |
| FISCAL IMPACT | If awarded grant funds, the City will receive up to \$657,600.00 which will require a 20% cash match of \$164,024.00 by the City from the Department of Emergency Communications Capital Improvement Fund (Account 220512-43770). |
| RECOMMENDATION | Approval of the resolution. |
| BACKGROUND | Due to the fact that current equipment is no longer supported by the manufacturer, City's ability to maintain secure and reliable communications across public safety agencies is limited. Upgrades to the City's 9-1-1 Emergency Communications infrastructure are necessary to restore full operational capacity of the City's emergency communications and fire station alerting systems. Grant and City-match funds will allow for the replacement of obsolete Motorola consolettes with modern APX consolettes, along with repair or replacement of the inoperable Mach Alert fire dispatching system. The Mach Alert system has been nonfunctional for more than a year, which significantly impedes fire response times. If awarded grant funding, the City will be able to improve dispatch reliability, automate fire station alerts, and modernize backroom technology infrastructure to ensure timely and coordinated responses to emergencies. The |

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improvements will benefit over 200,000 residents and daily commuters within the 122-square-mile Little Rock jurisdiction. The project will be implemented over an 18-month period to allow time for grant execution, procurement, bidding, installation, and staff training.