## Subject:

A Sole-Source Contract with World Services for the Blind, Inc., for the renovation of congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### Action Required:

- ✓ Ordinance Resolution

### Approved By:

Bruce T. Moore  
City Manager

### SYNOPSIS

An ordinance authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Agreement with World Services for the Blind, Inc., to complete the renovation of congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### FISCAL IMPACT

This contract will be funded with $100,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA Funds).

### RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the ordinance.

### BACKGROUND

In Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,676 (May 3, 2020), the Board of Directors stated the intended uses of a portion of the first tranche allotment of ARPA Funds. These funds were to be used, among other things, to address needs of Public Health Measures to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic and the means to address Negative Economic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. World Services for the Blind, Inc., has undertaken a renovation project for its congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. World Services for the Blind, Inc., requires additional funding to complete this project and is the only organization able to adequately meet the needs of blind residents who will reside in the congregate housing it is renovating.