RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($150,000.00), TO IMPLEMENT THE BLUE & YOU FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK TO SERVE THE STUDENTS AT THE LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock (“City) was awarded a One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar ($150,000.00) Grant from the Blue & You Foundation to provide services to the students of Watson Elementary School and their families for the 2022-2023 school year; and,

WHEREAS, the Blue & You Foundation Grant (“Grant”) is intended improve the health for Arkansans; and,

WHEREAS, five (5) schools: Watson Elementary School; Chicot Elementary School; Stephens Elementary School; Washington Elementary School; Mabelvale Elementary School; and one (1) Middle School, Mabelvale Middle School have been designated Community Schools, based on the Community-School Model; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City began a major initiative to implement the Community-School Model, in partnership with the Little Rock School District (“LRSD”), to which the responsibility for delivering high-quality teaching and learning employing a challenging curriculum is the responsibility of LRSD while the City will implement the Community-School Model in support of those core educational endeavors by providing City assets, assisting in the pursuit of philanthropic, business, and non-profit resources, and developing vibrant partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, in the course of implementing the Grant, 1) LRSD will hire a full-time licensed Clinical Social Worker who will work with the students of the Watson Elementary School and their families as needed; 2) LRSD will hire two (2) part-time Behavioral Health Navigators to serve student families, one of which will target Black families and one of which will target Latinx families; 3) LRSD will receive funds for the expenses for programs for families which are carried out by the Social Worker; and 4) receive funds for Behavioral and Mental Health-Themed Community School Cafes.

WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
Section 1. The City Manager is authorized enter into a subaward agreement with the Little Rock School District in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) to provide services for the students of Watson Elementary School and their families and to take any other actions needed to effectuate the implementation of the grant.

Section 2. Funds for the payment of this sub award are available in Account No. 270159-G15212F-63391.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District to provide one (1) Social Worker for this project.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 5. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: September 6, 2022

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk    Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney