

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Approval of uses of HOME CHDO Set-Aside Funds for Better Community Development, Inc.</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;">Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS	<p>Staff proposes utilizing HOME Investment Partnership Program Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside Funds to produce affordable housing units. Better Community Development, Inc., was one of the approved CHDOs that returned proposals to receive 15% Set-Aside HOME Funds under the Federal requirement. The funds will be used to develop three (3) affordable single-family units for sale at 4118 West 11th Street; 3723 West 8th Street; and 1409 South Pine Street.</p>
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>Better Community Development, Inc., will receive \$487,500.00. This project is funded by the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program. The funds are a part of the 15% CHDO Set-Aside Requirement for certified CHDOs and HOME Program Income. HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds (Entitlement Funds & Program Income) will be used, Account Nos. 240009-G3560822, 240009-G3560823 and 240009-G3553722.</p>
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>The City of Little Rock receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop and/or rehabilitate housing for low to moderate-income persons.</p>

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A statutory requirement is that 15% of the HOME Funds be set-aside for nonprofit organizations that meet specific criteria established by HUD and have been certified as CHDOs.

A Request for Proposal No. 2185 was issued and there were two (2) qualifying CHDOs that applied to receive funding; Better Community Development, Inc., and the University District Development Corporation, Inc.

The funds will be used in developing three (3) affordable single-family units for sale (between 1,250 to 1,425 square-feet/\$162,500.00 per structure) at the following locations: 4118 West 11th Street; 3723 West 8th Street; and 1409 South Pine Street.