

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 15, 2017 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorizes the City Manager to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with the Arkansas Department of Human Services for AmeriCorps Program.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>Authorizes the City Manager to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with the Arkansas Department of Human Services to administer the AmeriCorps Urban Safety and Environmental Stewardship Program funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The City has been awarded a three (3)-year grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service via the Arkansas Department of Human Services in the amount of \$441,808.00 (Total includes City Matching Funds of \$165,229) for Program Year 1.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department applied to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) during through the 2017 competitive round for funding to administer an AmeriCorps Program focusing on implementing urban safety measures and neighborhood revitalization.</p>	

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The grant will provide funding for the City to conduct annual safety assessments, make home improvements, conduct energy efficiency assessments, and complete housing revitalization in seven (7) target areas selected by Housing & Neighborhood Programs and the Little Rock Police Department based upon crime statistics. The program will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Environmental Stewardship and Priority Areas for Safer Communities. The target areas include a total of 3,358 single-family homes in nine (9) census tracts. The AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improved safety measures in ninety-five (95) homes, improved energy efficiency in ninety (90) homes, and general repairs for thirty (30) homes during the first year.