

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 12, 2023 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorization of 2023 PIT Fund Allocation for the J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy 21st Century After-School/Out-of-School Time Program for the 2023-2024 School Term, as endorsed by the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to allocate funds to provide an After-School/Out-of-School Time Program at J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy for the 2023-2024 School Term.</p> <p>The amount is not to exceed \$143,000.00, and funds for these programs are available in the 2023 PIT Allocation, Account No. 108159-S15C.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The Commission on Children, Youth and Families met on December 6, 2023, and voted to endorse the funding for an After-School/Out-of-School Time Program at J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy for the 2023-2024 School Term. The 21st Century After School Summer Learning Program has received grant funds in the past through 21st Century and ARPA ESSER Program Funds.</p> <p>The City of Little Rock After-School has over six (6) years of experience in running academically-focused After-School Programs.</p>	

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Beginning at West Central Community Center with less than twenty (20) students, the program, now running at J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy, maintains an average regular attendance of sixty-five (65) – seventy-five (75) students, four (4) days a week. The current enrollment list includes approximately ninety (90) students. Students receive homework assistance, reading assessment and assignment, math and science enrichment, health and nutrition activities, and positive reinforcement from staff. Students become a part of the program through recruitment, teacher referral or parent referral. Recruitment begins before the current school year and is a continuous effort. Teachers may refer students to the program, and parents can apply at any time throughout the school year.

The J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy, located in Ward 7, has an enrollment of 898 students. The school is a former high school that was repurposed to educate students in grades K-8. The population is 89.64% economically-disadvantaged, with 16.37% of students classified as English Learners. Quarterly assessment data for the school shows Reading proficiency rates ranges from 3% to 70%, Math proficiency rate ranges from 7% to 16%, and Science proficiency rate of 34% for 6th grade students. With an average class size of fifteen (15) students, students may not be able to receive needed support during school hours. In addition, during the 2022-2023 School Year, the school had 468 Out of School Suspensions, thirty-five (35) Expulsions and 503 Exclusionary Disciplinary Actions.