

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Approval of a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Central Arkansas Library System for the administration of a National Recreation and Parks Association Parks as a Community Nutrition Hubs Grant.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore 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>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Central Arkansas Library System for the administration of a National Recreation and Parks Association for a Parks as a Community Nutrition Hubs Grant.</p> <p>The City was awarded \$90,000.00 from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) for a Parks as a Community Nutrition Hubs Grant. The City has partnered with NRPA, the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) and the Be Mighty Program to administer several grants over the past three (3) years and wishes to partner on the implementation of this grant. NRPA has agreed to allow the City to sub grant funds to CALs for this purpose. The City will remit to CALs \$85,000.00 for the implementation of the grant and will utilize the remaining \$5,000.00 for outreach and marketing.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution</p>	

BACKGROUND

Be Mighty Little Rock is a City-Wide Anti-Hunger Campaign that connects kids and teens to free afterschool, weekend, and summer meal programs. The campaign started in 2018, through a partnership with the City of Little Rock and Central Arkansas Library System. The National League of Cities and the Food Research and Action Center provided startup funding for the campaign through the CHAMPS Grant. Be Mighty operates under the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), who will implement the Nutrition Hub Grant working closely with the City's Community Centers and Youth Intervention Programs. CALs will implement a food security screening and referral service, and will integrate the screening through program enrollment. CALs Staff will follow up with families in need to connect them with SNAP, WIC, and additional resources. In addition, CALs will facilitate six (6) hours of evidence-based nutrition education for adults and kids.