

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____
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3 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANGER TO EXTEND
4 THE CONTRACT WITH OUR HOUSE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
5 EXCEED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE
6 AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$36,299.90), FOR THE PURPOSE OF
7 MANAGEMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OPERATION OF A
8 RESOURCE HOTLINE AS A CONTINUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF
9 THE FINANCIAL NAVIGATORS GRANT PREVIOUSLY FUNDED
10 THROUGH CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, AS ENDORSED
11 BY THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, remains committed to assisting low-income, homeless,
15 and near-homeless individuals and families, a population particularly hard-hit by the economic fallout of
16 the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

17 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has shown its support for aiding community members
18 experiencing a host of challenges and hardships; and,

19 WHEREAS, Our House, the City of Little Rock’s non-profit partner, has a thirty-five (35) year track
20 record of connecting vulnerable individuals and families to a suite of wrap-around services; and,

21 WHEREAS, in a survey of clients who had been impacted by the Pandemic, Our House found that
22 66% of the population it serves had lost employment or had their hours cut. Respondents shared that they
23 had experienced dramatic increases in stress levels (68%) due to factors like financial insecurity, social
24 isolation, housing instability, lack of childcare and joblessness; and,

25 WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock’s Community Programs Department provides quality Prevention,
26 Intervention, and Treatment (PIT) Programming that utilizes citizen involvement, evidence-based practices
27 and standardized processes with the goal of increasing positive outcomes and the quality of life for all
28 citizens; and,

29 WHEREAS, staff found in a survey of clients impacted by the Pandemic, 55% of the individuals was
30 experiencing a high level of need during this time; and,

31 WHEREAS, the Resources Hotline enabled Our House and staff to continue to provide a remote “one-
32 stop-shop” and log approximately 18,549 hours for 5,670 Little Rock residents, leveraging the networks,

1 resources, and institutional know-how of both municipal and community-based non-profit partners.

2 **WHEREAS**, the Resources Hotline enabled Our House and staff to serve 15,312 calls for 4,303 citizens
3 during FY2024 while providing access for over 2,300 callers to multiple services ranging from career
4 center, temporary housing, mental and physical health services as well as reentry and case management
5 services.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**
7 **OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

8 **Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to extend the contract, in an amount not to exceed Thirty-
9 six thousand two hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety cents (\$36,299.90) with Our House for the
10 expressed purpose to continue the Resources Hotline Initiative, providing free remote-based financial triage
11 and guide clients to a range of national and local programs, services, and resources, in alignment with the
12 model requirements as established by the original grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund.

13 **Section 2.** Funds available through a contract using the 2024 PIT Allocation, Account No. 108159.

14 **Section 3.** The term for the contract listed in Section 1 of this resolution shall be for a period no longer
15 than five (5) months starting August 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024, with the final report due
16 no later than January 31, 2025.

17 **Section 4.** Our House will report to Community Programs Staff and will cooperate and confer with
18 staff as necessary to insure satisfactory work progress.

19 **Section 5.** The City Manager shall be satisfied with a plan to operate a remote “one-stop-shop” for
20 residents of Little Rock, leveraging the networks, resources, and institutional know-how of both municipal
21 and community-based non-profit partners in advance of disbursement of the funds.

22 **Section 6.** All payments are conditioned upon entry into contracts for services that are in a form
23 acceptable to the City Attorney; further, nothing in this resolution prevents the City from being able to offer
24 similar services to any vendor if, in its sole discretion, it decides to do so.

25 **Section 7. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
26 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
27 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and
28 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
29 resolution.

30 **Section 8. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
31 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

32 **ADOPTED: October 2, 2024**

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1 ATTEST:

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4 Allison Segars, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

5 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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8 Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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