

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

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

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>Authorization to enter into a contract extension with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Emily Cox City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety.</p> <p>The contracts will not exceed \$88,642.00, and the term of the contract shall be twelve (12) months, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Funds for these programs are from the 2024 PIT Allocation, Account No. 108159-S15C.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>During the pandemic there was an increase in criminal activity and the City responded to the Public Health Emergency by providing services to residents in Qualified Census Tracts, particularly Wards 1, 2, 6, and 7, in an effort to increase positive outcomes and the overall quality of life for the children, youth, and families residing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p>	

**BACKGROUND  
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Bid No. 1488 requested applications for Community Violence Prevention Services that would become a part of the Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Programs. Review panels consisting of City Staff met, reviewed applications and recommended the ten (10) organizations to receive funds, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas was one of the ten (10) recipients.

On February 15, 2022, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,627, which authorized a one (1)-year contract that stated that upon mutual agreement, the initial contract could be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1)-year terms of a calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>), or a portion thereof, based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds for an amount not to exceed \$88,642.00 per contract per calendar year. However, Program services did not begin until July 2022, and as of January 2023, Big Brothers/Big Sisters had only expended Sixty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Six and 96/100 Dollars (\$63,236.96).

On February 8, 2023, the Board of Directors approved Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,881, which authorized a six (6)-month contract extension to allow the organization to expend all funds allocated.

The provider has completed program services for one (1)-year and as a result, staff recommended a one (1)-year extension. On December 6, 2023, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families met and voted to endorse this recommendation for contract extension after successful negotiation.

The term of the contract extension shall be twelve (12) months, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Upon mutual agreement, the initial contract may be extended for up to one (1) additional one (1)-year term of a calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>), or a portion thereof, based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds for an amount not to exceed \$88,642.00 per calendar year. This extension represents year (2) of a potential three (3)-year term.