

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 2, 2019 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorization for the City Manager to enter into contract for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes the City Manager to enter into contract for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding to the Arkansas Regional Commission in a total amount not to exceed \$90,000 for one (1)-year. The City will have the option to renew the term two (2) times in one (1)-year increments with the right to terminate the agreement upon completion of the Federally-Funded Housing Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City receives an annual allocation of HOPWA Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The contract is consistent with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan and the Consolidated Planning Committee and the recommended sources and uses of the City's 2017-2018 HUD Entitlement Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the resolution.

BACKGROUND

The City of Little Rock is designated by HUD as an entitlement jurisdiction to administer the HOPWA Program for a six (6) county area including Pulaski, Faulkner, Saline, Lonoke, Perry, and Grant Counties. The City issued a 2nd Request for Qualifications dated January 8, 2019, to procure a service provider for HOPWA assistance.

**BACKGROUND
CONTINUED**

On February 12, 2019, the Arkansas Regional Commission was selected by the Selection Committee to provide HOPWA services over one (1)-year, with the City's option to renew the term two (2) times in one (1)-year increments for Faulkner County. Arkansas Regional Commission (\$90,000) will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance, Permanent Housing Placement Services, and Supportive Services in Faulkner County.