

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MAY 3, 2022 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,391 (February 23, 2021) and enter into an agreement with Our House for a one (1)-year extension of activities management and implementation operation of the Financial Navigators Grant, as endorsed by the Commission on Children, Youth and Families for 2022.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>To amend Resolution No. 15,391 (February 23, 2021) and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Our House for a one (1)-year extension to administer the Financial Navigators Grant.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The City was initially awarded \$80,000.00 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund, Inc., for a Financial Navigators Grant. The CFE Fund awarded an additional \$40,000.00, which is being matched with \$40,000.00 from the Community Programs Department for an additional year of services. The City has partnered with the CFE Fund and Our House to administer. As the City's identified community-based partner for this grant, Our House, the City will remit to them \$80,000.00 from Account Numbers 108159-S15C338 and 270159-G035098.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Our House, the City of Little Rock's non-profit partner, has a thirty-three (33)-year track record of connecting vulnerable individuals and families to a suite of wrap-around services.</p>

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The Financial Navigators Program will enable virtual delivery of those wrap-around services and assistance with accessing and maximizing public benefits such as the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP), health insurance and unemployment insurance, direct cash assistance with utility and rental payments, referrals to essential resources such as food pantries, transportation and shelter and financial and employment coaching, including connection to bank accounts.

In addition, the Community Programs Department surveyed families who were slated to participate in the City's Summer Youth Employment Program. The survey results indicated that 55% of this group is experiencing a high level of need during this time. The Financial Navigators Program will prioritize meeting the reported needs of Little Rock's most vulnerable communities, and the City is committed to continually adjusting these priorities based on the feedback of the individuals and families served by the program.