

1 **WHEREAS**, the Compass Platform, Financial Navigators Training and technical assistance provided
2 by the Citizens for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., would enable Our House and the Community
3 Programs Department to create a remote “one-stop-shop” for residents of Little Rock, Arkansas, leverag-
4 ing the networks, resources and institutional know-how of both municipal and community-based non-
5 profit partners; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, the City was initially awarded Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Cities
7 for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., for a Financial Navigators Grant. The Cities for Financial
8 Empowerment Fund, Inc., awarded an additional Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), which is being
9 matched with Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Community Programs Department for an
10 additional year of services; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, the City has partnered with Citizens for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., and Our
12 House to administer, and as the City’s identified community-based partner for this grant, Our House, the
13 City will remit to them Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); and,

14 **WHEREAS**, upon the adoption of this resolution, the agreement executed with Our House, which
15 commenced on August 1, 2021, for the expressed purpose of implementing the Financial Navigators
16 Initiative, which provides free remote-based financial triage and guide clients to a range of national and
17 local pro-grams, services, and resources, in alignment with the model requirements as set by the Cities for
18 Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., will be extended for a period of one (1)-year.

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

21 **Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to enter into a one (1)-year contract extension with Our
22 House commencing on August 1, 2022, for the expressed purpose of implementing the Financial
23 Navigators Initiative, which provides free remote-based financial triage and guide clients to a range of
24 national and local programs, services, and resources, in alignment with the model requirements as set by
25 the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc.

26 **Section 2.** The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., awarded an additional Forty Thousand
27 Dollars (\$40,000.00), which is being matched with Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from the
28 Community Programs Department for the additional year of services. The City has partnered with the
29 Citizens for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc., and Our House to administer. As the City’s identified
30 community-based partner for this grant, Our House, the City will remit to them Eighty Thousand Dollars
31 (\$80,000.00) from Account Numbers 108159-S15C338 and 270159-G035098.

32 **Section 3.** Our House shall report to the City and the Community Programs Department and will
33 cooperate and confer with them as necessary to insure satisfactory work progress.

34 **Section 4.** The City Manager shall be satisfied the program to create a remote “one-stop-shop” for

1 residents of Little Rock, leveraging the networks, resources, and institutional know-how of both
2 municipal and community-based non-profit partners has been implemented in advance of disbursement of
3 the funds.

4 **Section 5.** All payments are conditioned upon the execution of the 2022 extension contracts for
5 services that are in an acceptable form to the City Attorney.

6 **Section 6. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
7 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
8 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and
9 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
10 resolution.

11 **Section 7. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
12 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

13 **ADOPTED: May 3, 2022**

14 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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17 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

18 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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21 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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