

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 6, 2024 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorization of a grant sub-ward to Little Rock School District to support garden educators at Community Schools.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Office of Executive Administration</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for the sub-award of Grant Funds from the African American Mayors Association for Nutrition Access Affordability and Education.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The full grant amount the City received is \$125,000.00; the sub-award amount from the City to the Little Rock School District is \$72,000.00 and will be allocated from Account No. G15F242.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The City of Little Rock partners with the Little Rock School District to implement the Community School Strategy on eight (8) campuses to achieve equity among students and to ensure that all children have access to resources needed to improve health and academic outcomes.</p> <p>The City was awarded an African American Mayor’s Association Grant for a total amount of \$125,000.00 to improve nutrition access, affordability and education, and to align and build upon the City’s existing efforts with school gardens, nutrition education and family cooking classes.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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The City will make a sub-award to the Little Rock School District to be used as follows: 1) Garden Educators at the Chicot Elementary, McDermott Elementary, Mabelvale Elementary and Watson Elementary (\$70,000.00); and 2) Garden supplies (\$2,000.00).

The remainder of the funds will be utilized for family cooking classes focused on budget-friendly, nutritious, culturally-appropriate meals using ingredients available in the community. These will be offered to families at all community schools.