

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to enter into agreements with the Little Rock School District for the implementation of the Blue & You Grant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock School District to implement the Blue & You Grant and a Memorandum of Understanding with the District for one (1) Social Worker as specified in the contract.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The City was awarded \$150,000.00 from the Blue & You Foundation, and has partnered with the Little Rock School District to administer the grant. LRSD will hire one (1) Social Worker whose salary and benefits are not to exceed \$72,000.00 and two (2) part-time Behavioral Navigators whose salaries will not exceed \$40,000.00 each to the remaining funds will be used to further the grant’s goals. The remaining monies will be used to pay for the expenses for programs targeting particular behavioral health challenges faces by parents of the students and Behavioral and Mental Health-Themed Community School Cafes.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The purpose of the Blue & You Grant is to improve the physical and mental health of Arkansans. The goals of the project are to expand access to behavioral and mental health services, especially for Black and Latin-X students and families, and to reduce the stigma of mental illness.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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In 2020, the City began a major initiative to implement the Community-Schools Model, in partnership with the Little Rock School District (LRSD), to which the responsibility for delivering high-quality teaching and learning employing a challenging curriculum is the responsibility of LRSD while the City will implement the Community-Schools Model in support of those core educational endeavors by providing City assets, assisting in the pursuit of philanthropic, business, and non-profit resources and developing vibrant partnerships.