OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 2, 2026 AGENDA

Subject:	**Action Required:**	**Approved By:**
Grow Room Kits Purchase from LENA Foundation	√ **Ordinance** Resolution	
Submitted By: Office of Executive Administration		Delphone Hubbard City Manager

SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with LENA Foundation for the purchase of 75 Grow Room Kits for distribution to Early Childhood classrooms in the Little Rock Local Leads service area to support specialized early childhood education skill development for the purpose of strengthening early childhood systems and enhance program quality in alignment with Local Leads initiative efforts.
FISCAL IMPACT	The total amount is not to exceed $112,500.00, plus applicable taxes and fees. Local Leads grant award funds for this purchase are allocated in Account No. G25P261-270259-63391.
RECOMMENDATION	Pass the Ordinance.
BACKGROUND	Grow Room Direct Kit vendor, LENA Foundation, a national nonprofit is on a mission to transform children's futures through early talk technology and data-driven programs. The LENA Foundation provides tools for measuring children's language, acquisition and exposure through workforce development, continued support and data collection tools for the classroom. The Office of Executive Administration sought a Competitive Requirement Exemption Request under Exemption No. 25: Work Force Development Training Services which was approved by Assistant Procurement Manager Richard Smith.