

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AGENDA**

Subject: Community Schools Initiative Grant Funding Agreement with The NEA Foundation	Action Required: Ordinance √ Resolution	Approved By: Delphone Hubbard City Manager
Submitted By: Office of Executive Administration		

SYNOPSIS A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education and a subaward agreement with Little Rock School District, to ratify the City's application and acceptance of \$275,000.00 in grant funding, and to subsidize the continuation of the Southern Regional Alliance for Community Schools partnership for the Community Schools Model Initiative across 8 Little Rock School District School campuses.

FISCAL IMPACT NEA Foundation grant funds are allocated in NEAF Community Schools 26-27 Account No. 270159 G15F262.

RECOMMENDATION Adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND The City's subsequent subaward agreement with Little Rock School District for \$191,000.00, is to fund the following:

- LRSD Social Workers salaries: \$82,000;
- Community Schools Coordinator salary: \$75,000.00; and
- Future Smiles Dental Clinic: \$34,000.00.

Since August 2020, the City of Little Rock and the Little Rock School District have participated in The Southern Regional Alliance for Community Schools, a partnership among Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi educators, advocates, organizers, parents, policymakers and public officials, to implement the Community Schools Initiative. Alliance partners are committed to an expansion of the community schools model, a powerful and proven strategy for achieving the goal of educational equity by closing educational opportunity gaps using schools as community hubs to increase the resources, supports, and services available to children and families with the goal that all

BACKGROUND | children receive an excellent education that cultivates and
CONTINUED | inspires their hope, skills, and sense of self-efficacy.