

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas (“the City”) adopted Resolution No. 10319, approving the Allocation Plan for the Home Investment Partnerships Act—American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP); and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2023, the City advertised a Request For Proposals (RFP) for qualified subrecipients of the HOME-ARP grant to provide Supportive Services, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Non-Congregate or Affordable Rental Housing Development, Rehabilitation, and Assistance to Qualified Populations based on the eligible uses outlined in the City’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (see Executive Summary attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock Housing Authority has evidenced the capacity to support the City’s Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) project for eligible, low-income tenants residing in various sites of affordable housing in North Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount in the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$720,656.00) will come from HOME-ARP grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the North Little Rock Housing Authority has the capacity to support the City’s Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) project for eligible, low-income tenants residing in various sites of affordable housing in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: That the contract amount in the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$720,656.00) will come from HOME-ARP grant funds.

SECTION 3: That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effect the completion of the herein stated project, with all contracts/agreements to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney prior to execution.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Terry C Hartwick
Mayor Terry C. Hartwick *by AF*

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

FILED	<u>11:00</u>	A.M.	_____	P.M.
By	<u>city Atty Amy Fields</u>			
DATE	<u>10-17-23</u>			
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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City of North Little Rock

Executive Summary of Proposed Projects for the Home Investment Partnerships Act—American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

Project	Funding Amount
Acquisition/Development of Affordable Rental Housing or Non-Congregate Housing	\$300,000.00
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$720,656.00
Administration & Planning	\$180,115.00
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$1,200,771.00

Eligible Activities for HOME-ARP Funds:

- Provision of Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, & rent assistance)
- Acquisition & Development of Non-Congregate Housing (these structures can remain in use as non-congregate housing or can be converted to affordable housing under the HOME Program)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing (such as acquisition & rehabilitation)
- Non-Profit Operating Expenses
- Non-Profit Capacity Building Expenses
- Administration & Planning for the HOME ARP Program (15% maximum allocation)

Qualifying Populations Eligible to be Served with HOME-ARP Funds:

- Sheltered & unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at the risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other families requiring services, housing assistance, or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

Below are definitions frequently used in relation to HOME-ARP funds:

NON-CONGREGATE HOUSING: As opposed to congregate settings, such as a traditional homeless shelter, non-congregate housing provides private accommodations (individual rooms, including living quarters, private bath, kitchen, & dining space). During the COVID-19 pandemic, people living in congregate facilities have been at higher risk of contracting or having complications from the virus because physical distancing is difficult.

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS: For HOME-ARP funds, this means people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: Services that help households maintain housing stability & quality of life. These may include support with finding & applying for housing, financial assistance for moving costs, childcare, legal services, mental health & substance use services, & more.

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE: A rent subsidy to help households afford housing costs, such as rent & security deposits. "Tenant-based" means the subsidy is attached to the household, & they can use it to rent any rental unit that meets program guidelines & whose landlord is willing to accept the subsidy payment.