



Legislation Text

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT THE FY 2020 OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas seeks to purchase land and perform facility development for outdoor recreational activities and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the funds necessary to improve the Earl Bell Community Center outdoor recreation, it is necessary to obtain a 50/50 Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro has been granted a waiver of retroactivity by the United States Department of Interior for the purchase of 40 acres adjacent to Craighead Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, this governing body understands the grantee and grantor will enter into a binding agreement which obligates both parties to policies and procedures contained in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual including, but not limited to the following; the park area defined by the project boundary map, submitted in the application, must remain in outdoor recreation use in perpetuity, regardless if the property is bought or developed with matching grant funds and ; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground and; the project area must remain open and available for use by the public at all reasonable times of the day and year; facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc. but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use, and ; the project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe and healthful manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Jonesboro City Council supports the submission of the 2020 application to the Outdoor Recreation Grant to improve the Earl Bell Community Center Outdoor Recreation; and

SECTION 2: The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the application; and

SECTION 3: The Grants and Community Development Department is hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to submit all necessary documents for this grant; and

SECTION 4: The City of Jonesboro will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project; and

SECTION 5: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project; and,

SECTION 6: The Jonesboro City Council pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas

Department of Recreation to initiate action to implement this project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of May, 2019.