

Project Narrative

1. Briefly describe the Applicant Organization

The City of Jonesboro is known as the regional center for industrial, educational, agricultural, and medical. Long considered the anchor of Northeast Arkansas, it is the fifth largest city in Arkansas nestled within the Crowley's Ridge Region. It is the largest metropolitan area within a triangle anchored by Memphis, Tennessee; St. Louis, Missouri; and Little Rock, Arkansas. The city is located an hour northwest of Memphis, five hours south of St. Louis and two hours north of Little Rock.

Jonesboro has a population nearly of 71,000 (2013) in a land area of 80.9 square miles, equaling roughly 875 people per square mile. The population of the City has seen moderate growth since the last census with an average of two percent per year.

2. Briefly describe the need and the nature of the applicant project. Indicate whether or not other funding has been committed to the project and the source/nature of that funding.

This project would be an essential component to completing our safety technological systems to aid our fire and emergency responders to arrive safely and quickly at the scene without incident and/or impediment. The City has not been able secure grant funds to complete this project.

3. Briefly describe how the proposed project fits within one of the 7 EAPDD Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Targeted Priority Strategies as listed on Application Cover Page. Strategies can also be viewed at www.eapdd.com.

The Opticom IR System addresses one of the strategies for continuous infrastructural development to cope with the congested traffic on the city streets and state highways during any given day in Jonesboro. By installing this traffic flow equipment, it will significantly aid our emergency services in providing assistance to those events requiring immediate and prompt services to our citizens. This emergency services system is an integral part of the City's streets and highways master plan to address the safety concerns of a City considered a metropolitan area (Goal 2.3.2).

4. Project Timeline:

a. Start Date: 01/01/2016

b. End Date: 12/15/2016

c. Other Key Dates: _____

**East Arkansas Planning & Development District – GIF
Certification Letter**

Date 12/02/2015

GIF Grants
c/o East Arkansas Planning & Development District
P.O. Box 1403
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Dear Members of the East Arkansas Planning & Development Board of Directors:

On behalf of the city/community/organization of Jonesboro, I am writing to request your assistance in securing a GIF grant under the EAPDD GIF Grant Program. Proceeds from the \$ 40,078.00 grant, if awarded, will be used for the following project, as outlined in the enclosed application:

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Opticon IR System - emergency services traffic flow equipment for six intersections

I, being the Mayor/Judge/CEO of Jonesboro, hereby designate myself as the party authorized to bind the agency.

Additionally, I designate Kimberly Marshall, the Grants Administrator of Jonesboro, as the person authorized to make representations for the applicant agency of the grant, if awarded.

If further information is needed concerning this project, please feel free to contact me or the project's primary contact person, Kimberly Marshall, at 870-336-7229.

Thank you for your consideration.

Title: Mayor

Organization: Jonesboro

Phone Number: (870) 932-1052

JOHN COOPER

SENATOR
21ST DISTRICT
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December 1, 2015

Ms. Melissa Rivers, Executive Director
East Arkansas Planning and Development District
Post Office Box 1403
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Dear Ms. Rivers:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the City of Jonesboro as it applies for a GIF grant from the East Arkansas Planning and Development District. It is my understanding the funds would be used to help purchase an Opticom GPS System that would regulate traffic light control for emergency vehicles at intersections. I support this project and believe it to be a worthwhile use of funds.

Respectfully, I ask you to give this application every possible consideration. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If I can be of further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Cooper".

John Cooper
State Senator
District 21

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Name **Mark Nichols**
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Agency	Item	CTC Part	Description	Section	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price	Section Totals
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	110610-MM		Model 764 Multimode Phase Selector		6	\$ 2,751.00	\$ 16,506.00	
	110603-MM		Model 768 Auxiliary Panel		6	\$ 375.00	\$ 2,250.00	
	110611		3100 GPS Radio Unit (Mast Mount)		6	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 16,080.00	
	110605		GPS Cable 1,000 Ft Roll (Per Ft.)		1,000	\$ 0.60	\$ 600.00	
	201011		3/4" Narrow Hub (IR)		6	\$ 12.00	\$ 72.00	
Total Before Tax							\$ 35,508.00	\$ 35,508.00
Sales Tax (if applicable)						0.00%	\$ -	
Discount if Purchsed all from CTC						0.00%	\$ -	
Grand Total							\$ 35,508.00	

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