

# APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		2. DATE SUBMITTED August 27, 2002		Applicant Identifier	
Pre application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier	
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier	

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name <b>City of Jonesboro, Arkansas</b>	Organizational Unit <b>City Parks Department</b>
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code): <b>515 West Washington P.O. Box 1845 Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403-1845</b>	Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code): <b>Jimmy McKinnon 870-933-4635</b>

6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): <b>7 1 - 6 0 1 3 7 4 9</b>	7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C A State B County C Municipal D Township E Interstate F Intermunicipal G Special District H Independent School Dist I State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning J Private University K Indian Tribe L Individual M Profit Organization N Other (Specify) _____
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8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision (If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): A Increased Award B Decrease Award C Increase Duration D Decrease Duration Other (Specify) _____	9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: <b>United States Department of the Interior National Park Service</b>
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10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: <b>1 5 . 9 1 6</b> TITLE <b>Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development, Planning</b>	11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: <b>Construction of Water Park for Allen Park. Construction of Skate Park for Allen Park. Fencing for Allen Park Playground Equipment for Joe Mack Campbell Playground Equipment for 3 areas of Craighead Forest Park</b>
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (CITIES, COUNTIES, STATES, ETC.): <b>City of Jonesboro Craighead County, Arkansas</b>	

13. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date: <b>01/2003</b> Ending Date: <b>12/2003</b>	14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant: <b>1st</b> b. Project: <b>1st</b>
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15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:	16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?
a. Federal \$ <b>250,000.00</b>	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: <b>August 27, 2002</b>
b. Applicant \$ <b>250,000.00</b>	b. NO <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372
c. State \$ <b>.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW
d. Local \$ <b>.00</b>	
e. Other \$ <b>.00</b>	
f. Program Income \$ <b>.00</b>	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELIQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
g. TOTAL \$ <b>500,000.00</b>	

18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED

1. Typed Name of Authorized Representative <b>Hubert Brodell</b>	2. Title <b>Mayor</b>	3. Telephone number <b>870-932-1052</b>
4. Signature of Authorized Representative	5. Date Signed <b>August 27, 2002</b>	

# Project Budget

APPLICANT NAME: CITY OF JONESBORO

A. Estimated appraised value of property to be acquired (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Total development costs \$ 500,000

Development item (detailed and listed in priority order) Estimated cost of each item

Construction of Water Park for Allen Park \$ 100,000

Construction of Skate Park for Allen Park \$ 150,000

Fencing for Allen Park \$ 15,000

Playground Equipment for Joe Mack Campbell Park \$ 85,000

Three Playground/Equipment for Craighead Forest \$ 150,000

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C. Total of A and B \$ 500,000

D. Contingency (optional [maximum 5% of total development costs]) \$ -0-

E. Administration (optional [maximum 10% of total development costs]) \$ -0-

F. Architectural/Engineering Fees \$ -0-  
(optional [maximum 12% of total development costs])

G. Total of C, D, E and F \$ 500,000

**Sprayground for Allen Park Community Center**  
**Approximate Cost: \$100,000**

Allen Park Community Center is located in the heart of a very young and diverse neighborhood. The neighborhood qualifies as a Community Development Block Grant area with seventy five percent of the children at the neighborhood elementary school on free and reduced lunches. With so many economically disadvantaged children in the neighborhood, it is understandable that most do not have transportation or the discretionary income to get to the only city pool located approximately 5 miles away.

A sprayground at Allen Park Community Center would allow these children to have access to water play. The sprayground includes a multitude of visual and physical stimuli for all children, from toddlers to teens, including our disabled, making this park a new and exciting destination for family and leisure activities for all age groups and interests.

The public interest on this project is very high. In March 2002, the Parks and Recreation Department surveyed 1,200 citizens (including 500, 11-13 year-olds). According to the survey, citizens under the age of 18 were extremely interested in water play. There were two pages of comments regarding a water park or water sprayground on the open-ended question section.

At 1/10 the cost of a traditional swimming pool, the sprayground is not only more economical to construct, but the maintenance cost is minor in comparison to a pool. Additionally, with a zero water depth, there will be no need for lifeguards.

The City of Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Department will operate and maintain the waterpark with its existing maintenance staff. An onsite supervisor will provide periodic oversight for all programs in this park.

**Skate Park for Allen Park Community Center**  
**Approximate Cost: \$150,000**

Currently, the Jonesboro's Parks and Recreation Department is very successful in meeting the needs of children who are interested in traditional sports. However, there is a segment of the population that do not share those interests and are not served by City facilities or programs. It is this group that we wish to address with a Skate Park. This ever-growing segment of our youth are interested in non-traditional or "X-Games" type of athletics. These sports enthusiasts have no facility available to them, no viable option to pursue their interest, as a result they currently skate, roller blade or ride bikes in parking lots, on church steps, in the street or at businesses. All of these sites are dangerous and pose a liability threat to the owner of the property.

The addition of the Skate Park would allow Allen Park to become the activity-dominated recreation area that is needed in this area of our City. It will serve as a test site for other skate parks in Jonesboro, providing a proper facility for these newly recognized sports.

The requests for a Skate Park have increased dramatically over the past several years. Initially the requests came from the potential users and their parents, but as the sports have become more popular and nationally recognized, the number of youth involved has dramatically increased. The requests for a facility are now coming from school administrators, business owners, and church leaders.

In November of 2000, Parks Director, Jason Wilkie was talking with (then) Superintendent John Sawyer when Mr. Sawyer said "Jason, if you do one thing for the children in my school district, put in a skate park." At the time, the city did not have the resources to build that type of facility. Now, the time is right for Jonesboro to build a skate park.

In March 2002, the Parks and Recreation Department surveyed 1,200 citizens (including 500, 11-13 year-olds). According to the survey, citizens under 18 have a definite interest in skating, rollerblading and biking. (The minority involvement for this survey was around 13 percent, but the minority involvement for community members under 18 was around 30%.) Enthusiasts interested in a skate park were invited to meetings in order to discuss the needs, possible designs, users, competitions, and other programs for this facility. Our goal, of course, is to create a feeling of ownership by users that will hopefully translate into self-policing of the facility, which will help eliminate or significantly reduce vandalism in this area.

It is the plan of the Parks and Recreation Department to provide facilities for the non-traditional sport enthusiasts at locations that are easily accessible by foot, bike, skateboard or rollerblades. The Parks Department will provide programming for this segment of its population at the skate facility. The facility will be a "skate at your own risk" facility. A site manager for Allen Park Community Center will be there to supervise on an as needed basis. The existing Parks and Recreation maintenance staff will provide maintenance for the facility.

#### **Playground Equipment for Joe Mack Campbell Park** **Approximate Cost: \$85,000**

Joe Mack Campbell Park is a tournament quality 110-acre athletic complex featuring 19 soccer fields, 10 baseball fields, 4 tennis courts, and a walking track. There are four (4) pavilions planned for the near future. This park receives heavy weekend and evening use from March to October. Many of the users of the park are participating in recreational baseball or soccer. During tournaments, the City of Jonesboro may have up to 5,000 people in the park at one time. Most of the participants in these tournaments are under age 13 with younger brothers and sisters.

A playground in Joe Mack Campbell Park would provide a place for children under 13 to play between games, when brother (or sister) are playing, or when the family is picnicking after a game. Our playgrounds are designed to accommodate children under 13 and would be an important and valuable addition to Joe Mack Campbell Park. The Parks and Recreation Department anticipates 80 -100 children on this playground during events. In addition, the playground would make the park more attractive to parents of children who do not participate in the available sports programs who would simply enjoy a trip to a playground in a beautiful setting.

The crew of five staff members at Joe Mack Campbell Park will maintain the playground equipment. The five-crew members that oversee the park will maintain the equipment. The city also employs a certified playground inspector who will evaluate the equipment on a regular basis.

**Three Playgrounds at Craighead Forest Park**  
**Approximate Cost: \$150,000**

Craighead Forest Park is located in the southern part of Jonesboro, in the scenic beauty of Crowley's Ridge. The 692-acre site includes a 55-acre fishing and no-wake boating lake, camping, hiking trails, large and small picnic facilities and five playground areas. This site is also the future home of the second of four planned Nature Centers which we anticipate will bring in an addition 48,500 visitors annually. With the total estimated annual visitor base of 150,000, this park hosts many activities including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, triathlon, fun runs, company picnics, family reunions, car shows, and may more activities.

The existing equipment on these playgrounds are old, uninteresting, unsafe and do not meet the current guidelines of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission nor the American Society for Testing and Materials. While our maintenance staff has made the existing equipment as safe as possible, it still lacks the attractiveness, challenge, interest and safety of currently available equipment.

By installing new playground equipment at the three sites the City of Jonesboro Parks and Recreation will be providing safe play for children, attracting younger children to the park for play, enhancing the beauty of the park and adding value to existing patrons.

The five-crew members that oversee the park will maintain the equipment. The city also employs a certified playground inspector who will evaluate the equipment on a regular basis.

**Fencing at Allen Park Community Center**  
**Approximate Cost: \$15,000**

Allen Park Community Center will soon be a premier park in Jonesboro. With 12 tennis courts, a community center, playground, sprayground, skate park, ball fields and parking for 200, this site will be the destination for hundreds of community members. The 18.5-acre tract of land has a long 12-foot deep ditch on its northern and southern borders, and train tracks on its eastern side. Safety is a major concern, by fencing off these ditches with a six foot fence Jonesboro Parks and Recreation can better control the safety of children, lost balls and equipment as well as add to the aesthetics of the park.

The fence will be professionally installed and the Parks and Recreation maintenance staff will maintain it.