



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Agenda Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

4:00 PM

Municipal Center

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-19:055 MINUTES FOR THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 28, 2019

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 05282019.pdf](#)

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-19:073 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FY19 COMPETITIVE FUNDING GRANT FOR BUSES AND BUS FACILITY PROGRAM

Sponsors: Grants and JETS

Attachments: [NOFO- FY19 FTA Bus and Facility.pdf](#)

RES-19:074 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON NORTH PATRICK STREET (TRACT 8), JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A CITY SIDEWALK

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - Tract 8.pdf](#)

RES-19:075 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT THREE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 457(B) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

Sponsors: Human Resources

RES-19:076 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT TWO TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Sponsors: Human Resources

RES-19:077 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SUDDENLINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [SuddenLink18.pdf](#)

RES-19:078 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE BASEBALL FIELD SIGN AND ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [PIAS Softball 2019.pdf](#)

RES-19:079 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH LOST PIZZA COMPANY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Human Resources

Attachments: [LostPizzaCo19.pdf](#)

RES-19:080 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [JULY 4TH 2019 EAB.pdf](#)

RES-19:081 A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPROVE THE 2019 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

Sponsors: Grants and Finance

Attachments: [Assurances_SF-424-D.pdf](#)

[Certifications.docx](#)

[HUD Notice of Allocation_2019 CDBG.pdf](#)

[2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan.pdf](#)

[Application for Federal Assistance SF424.pdf](#)

RES-19:082 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Rental Agreement for Jonesboro Radio Group.pdf](#)

5. Pending Items

RES-19:068 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A CONTRACT WITH

CONTRACTSAFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO TRACK THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S CONTRACTS.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [ContractSafe Agreement Jonesboro_052119.docx](#)

[Laserfiche Proposal City of Jonesboro.pdf](#)

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6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment



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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Joe Hafner

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-19:049](#)

MINUTES FOR THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 14, 2019

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 05142019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-19:029](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE JONESBORO OVERSIGHT INTEGRITY COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY, RESEARCH, INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PRIORITIZE POTENTIAL FUTURE CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Attachments: [Bobby Long Speech Notes 05282019.pdf](#)

City Attorney Carol Duncan said, may I ask one question before you all get started. I just noticed that in the last Whereas, it refers to the creating of the Jonesboro Forward Committee and then in the first Section one, it says creates the Jonesboro Oversight Integrity Council. Should those say the same thing? Is that a typo? Scott McDaniel, Team Jonesboro, said, yes, that is a typo. Ms. Duncan asked, so, it needs to be called the Jonesboro Oversight Integrity Council? Mr. McDaniel said, yes ma'am. Ms. Duncan said, you might want a motion to amend that language to make it match.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles

Coleman, to amend the last whereas clause to remove Jonesboro Forward Committee and add the language Jonesboro Oversight Integrity Council. All voted aye.

Councilmember David McClain said, I have a couple of questions Mr. McDaniel mainly for you. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I meant to say this earlier. The Mayor wanted to be here today, but I think his wife had something and he is with her so he is out of pocket right now. Ms. Duncan said, she had surgery. Councilmember McClain said, I was sitting here trying to go through everything and read through and trying to make sense of a couple of things so I have a couple of questions. One thing that you said last time when you presented to the council was that you are going to have competing projects. Mr. McDaniel said, right. Councilmember McClain said, I was trying to figure out how that will work. Who will be the groups competing? Mr. McDaniel said, it could theoretically be anyone that wants a project, right. So, it is up to the oversight council to weigh the project against whatever criteria it sets to judge the projects, right. And, then make a recommendation to the council. Ultimately, though, this oversight council does not have the power statutorily to decide projects themselves. That is up to the City Council. It is up to the Mayor. There is a normal budgeting process. This is a recommendation body. This is a planning body. This is designed to essentially do the legwork if you want to get down to a metaphor, it is the equivalent of MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. It is equivalent of the A&P (Advertising & Promotions Commission). That sort of thing.

Councilmember McClain said, looking at the projects, the council is in place or the committee is in place, how do we make sure the projects come to fruition? How do we make sure that they are finished? I know that is on us again, but at the same time, is that going to be part of the committee's responsibility? Mr. McDaniel said, I think legally, we can only do so much. So, I believe from the standpoint of actually making sure like hiring contractors, hiring architects, you can't. Councilmember McClain said, I know that is on us. Mr. McDaniel said, in terms of attending progress meetings and holding them accountable for liquidated damages if they are running behind schedule, that is not this committee either. Let's just take the Forum for example, which is one of my passions, or tennis, which is another one of my passions. Those folks want a project, the committee approves the project or recommends the project, takes it to City Council. It goes through the budgeting process. At that point in time, it is 100% you all. It is nobody else. Now, this committee of itself will have political power because on some level, not some level, ultimately this is essentially a people's council and its job is essentially to make sure that these projects get built. Its power only lies in the political will of the people.

Councilmember McClain said, I know the scope is going to be limited, but at the same time, I am just trying to make sure and this is just a project I can think of off the top of my head, our Greenway Trail that we have now making sure that we don't have something along those lines where it is not complete, but it has been years in the making. Mr. McDaniel said, this council, I believe would be the mechanism to make sure that doesn't happen. But, again, that mechanism is purely political, purely vocal, purely press frivolitated. It is the ones that come out and ask you all that question. Why isn't it done? Councilmember McClain said, when looking at representatives across the city to be on this committee, what are some of the qualifications? Have you thought about that? What are some of the things that you guys will be looking for? Mr. McDaniel said, personally, I want diversity amongst race, religion, creed, color, everything. I want a diverse committee. I want it to be multiple wards. I want people who don't have self interest. I want people who are willing and able to work because this committee will absolutely be a working committee. So, I want people who are willing and able to dedicate the time to it. I can tell you that Team Jonesboro will lobby

hard to make sure that happens. One crucial thing that I ask for and I want to make sure everybody understands, we, Team Jonesboro, really, really, really, want this committee set before the third reading. We are requesting on the second reading, a waiving of the third reading, to combine the second and third reading so that way it can be seated. So, on the third reading, the citizens, Team Jonesboro, you all, all feel comfortable with the representation that exists on this council. I think that is crucial. Councilmember McClain said, ok, that is all that I got.

Ms. Duncan said, to that point, are you talking about having the committee members named by then because that is going to have to be done by a separate resolution under the Nominating & Rules committee. This ordinance creates the committee, but this does not name the members. Councilmember McClain said, Nominating & Rules will have to be the committee that actually does that. Ms. Duncan said, usually that is done by a resolution so it is quicker. But, timeframe wise, we may need to look at that. Mr. McDaniel said, ok. So, whatever needs to happen structurally, Team Jonesboro formally requests that happen. Ms. Duncan said, I just want to remind people that we need another document that actually names the members of the committee. Mr. McDaniel said, ok. Councilmember McClain said, that will have to come from Nominating & Rules. Mr. McDaniel said, whatever the process is, we formally request that process that is initiated and expedited in such a way that on the second reading that we can begin to name the committee and that way, the citizens feel comfortable with the folks who will be representing on the committee or on the council. Ms. Duncan said, on the committee.

Nick Wysocki, 107 Harvester Drive, said, I have two quick questions. Number one, can the money collected by this 1% tax or whatever it is, be spent by the City Council without the approval of this committee that we are forming. In other words, is this going into a separate pile, the \$200 million is the number that I heard or is this going into the general fund and be used wherever they want it to be used. Chairman Hafner said, the way that the ordinance is written by Team Jonesboro is that it can only be used for the items that are set out in the ordinance. It can only be used for the new fire stations, the staffing for the new fire stations, the police. Mr. Wysocki said, I understand that. Chairman Hafner said, if it goes for other purposes, we are breaking the rules, breaking the law. Ms. Duncan said, it has to be designated. It doesn't just go into just the general fund. Mr. Wysocki said, I was wondering about the prioritization because I know we have got several on the books right now, like the shooting complex and stuff where there is at least another \$6 million required to complete that project. This sounds like that is going to be the money grab for one of the very first things to complete that project. Grab \$6 million and complete the shooting complex and then go on from there to trails and everything else. So, I was just wondering how this gets allocated and who approves it? Yes, that is one of the line items, but I didn't see the prioritization by this committee as to what they wanted built first or how they wanted the money used. So, that is why I am asking. How is it going to be allocated and do they have any say over those allocations? And, then my follow-up question was, I remember, I have been here for about 25 years now, that we did have in the City of Jonesboro, at one point and time, a capital improvement tax that was initiated through a vote, I think during a general election. And, after about 5-6-7 years, the City Council decided to have a special election and roll that money into the general fund which then they could use however they pleased and everybody got raises. So, I was wondering, what prevents that from happening four years down the pipe when the City says, I've got \$50 million in here and I have got expenses outside of capital improvements, like they did the last time, from happening. So, those are my two questions. Chairman Hafner said, I guess my answer would be, personally, I wouldn't support such a thing. But, kind of like this, that is the vote of the people. Ms. Duncan said, it would have to

be supported by a vote of the citizens. Chairman Hafner said, not the vote of the council. Mr. Wysocki said, well in the mid-term election that overruled it was by 1,000 people that voted for it.

Mr. McDaniel said, so I can tell you that on behalf of Team Jonesboro, if that happened, unless there was a truly dire circumstance to where like the city was facing some degree of bankruptcy or something like that, we would absolutely mobilize. We would absolutely oppose such a thing. We believe in this tax. We believe in this initiative. We believe in the mission to the point to where we are putting everything we have into this. We are all in on this and we will remain all in on this. If we are successful, this is not the end in September when the election is held. This is an ongoing thing. This is an ongoing communication. What I can tell you is if that were to happen, Team Jonesboro would mobilize and oppose it and try to keep the tax as currently written. Regarding the question of council, I can only tell you what our mission was. Ultimately, it is out of our hands now. But our mission of the council was to create the priorities in a very transparent fashion. Ultimately, that council would decide if the shooting range is funded or whatever is funded. That would be the council's decision, not ours. Ultimately, it would be you all's decision to abide by those or not. So, that's all. Thank you.

Councilmember Bobby Long, 4121 Oakhill Lane, said, the reason that I thought it would be good to bring this up right now is because this ordinance as well as the others on the agenda talk about an over reaching idea and that is the proposal that Team Jonesboro brought last Tuesday night. That is how come I thought that this would be a good time to bring this up now. Last week, we were posed with a question, "What kind of a city do we want to be?" That's a valid question. It's a relevant question. I think it's a very important question. We listened as we heard how brain drain was plaguing our city and if we didn't do something about it, we were going to lose our best and brightest. We heard how we are a city who citizens are worried about how they would pay for healthcare if their little Johnny were to get sick or break their leg. This one did make me scratch my head because I was wondering how does raising taxes on these people would help them in their quest to get their kids well? I don't know. Maybe we can get an answer sometime soon.

Team Jonesboro did propose a solution. A means of keeping those who are trained to work in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics or STEM jobs. The solution proposed was one ordinance which called for a one percent sales tax which would be split with half going for amenities, and there is a list of amenities - waterparks, aquatic centers, libraries, sidewalks, parks, museums, and the list is only as limited as the imagination of the committee which will be evaluating the projects. The other half would be shared between Police and Fire in essence each would get a half of a half percent. And, first of all, before we go any further, I want to commend Team Jonesboro. Many at the meeting last week are my friends and my neighbors. I have the upmost respect for them, and I value and welcome a robust discussion concerning this tax increase as I am sure Team Jonesboro does. I spent I can't tell you how many minutes on the phone with Scott and we had a civil discussion which I hope that we can continue. I think we both have the city's best interest in mind. We may differ in the road that we would take and the meaning of quality of life, but we all have the best interest for the city.

To me, quality of life is the ability of our people to be safe in their homes, to be secure in their property, to be as free from over burdensome government regulations, to live in the lowest tax environment possible thus retaining as much disposable income as possible. You see, the more disposable income means more businesses will want to

set up shop here. It means having access to quality healthcare, safe shopping, gainful employment, and for our children to get a high-quality education in a safe and healthy environment. We must understand that the more we rely on government, the more government needs, the more it needs, the more we have to give. The more we give of what it ours, the less free we are.

Councilmember David McClain said, as a point of order, I am failing to see how this ties into the committee. Is this specifically about the committee? Councilmember Long said, ok, the formation of the committee is part of the ordinance. For the ordinance to go forward, this committee is a crucial part of it. Councilmember McClain said, right, so, as your comments right now, how do they pertain to the committee? Councilmember Long said, comments right now pertain to the committee because if we vote on the committee, I would think that moving forward, before we vote on the committee and form a committee, that I think that you need to hear this so that you would even decide whether or not this needs to move forward or not because it is part of an overall committee. Councilmember McClain said, I get it, but my point is again, I don't see how it pertains to the committee. Councilmember Long said, if you have suggestions on where this should be. Chairman Hafner said, let me say this, I understand Councilmember McClain's point of order, but I also know Councilmember Long, whether he does it now or he does it on the next resolution, he is going to make his comments. Councilmember McClain said, the next ordinance would be more appropriate. Chairman Hafner said, so since he has already started, I will let him go ahead and finish. Councilmember McClain said, ok. Councilmember Charles Coleman asked, are you going to let him get up twice. Chairman Hafner said, no. I already said that there wouldn't be repetitive comments. Councilmember McClain said, ok. Chairman Hafner said, I will let him go ahead and finish.

Councilmember Long said, I believe anytime government contemplates raising taxes on the electorate, it is of the utmost importance and deserving of every consideration. This tax will increase the size of the government of Jonesboro because it will increase what the city is responsible to upkeep and maintain. You see, it is not just about building amenities. It is about maintaining what is build. It reduces the buying power of not only the citizens of Jonesboro, but those in surrounding areas who come here to shop and spend money in our local businesses. I think it's interesting that we have heard time and time again how desperately we need to advocate for an internet sales tax because it's killing Jonesboro's brick and mortar businesses. It will create an atmosphere where public amenities could be in direct competition with private industry. For instance, let's take the shooting range. We have a few privately owned and operated shooting ranges in the area. They employ people who earn a wage and pay taxes. If the city builds one, it is now in direct competition with its own local businesses for range time and shooting supplies that may be sold there. If the local business can't make it, then it must let employees go and close which means the property taxes leave the schools, disposable income leaves the area, and heaven forbid if one of the employees were little Johnny's parents.

In the presentation, we were compared to Fayetteville. The only reason I am going to bring this up is to shed some light on who we are, not who Fayetteville is, but who we are. By delving further into this conversation, we can possibly get a different perspective on Jonesboro and realize that the answer to "Brain Drain" is not more "stuff." The answer to helping little Johnny's parents is not amenities. By the way, I totally get the 12-year old wanting to move to Fayetteville. My son, Parker has been fortunate to go to different cities with his music. He came back excited and dead set on living in every city he went to. However, those going to Fayetteville might want to make sure you can protect yourself because Fayetteville's violent crime is almost 9%

higher than Jonesboro's. Their property crime is also higher. So, if you're on one of the 163 miles of bike trails made possible by a private infusion of over \$74 million by Walmart, I would suggest not riding alone. You might also want to make sure your job pays significantly more because the average home is 30% higher than it is here. I would pose this question, how much of these publically owned and operated amenities were funded by private donations and how much are funded with public tax money. I think that is important. You know, I couldn't find a stat on bottled water usage but I'm sure it's high. You see, on a scale of 0-100 where 100 is the best, Fayetteville's water quality is rated 52 and Jonesboro's is a 92. Thank you City, Water & Light for all that you do. But what about "Brain Drain"? How do we keep these kids who want to work in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics? How do we keep them? This spiked my interest because it was the thrust and at the very core of their presentation. Why are we supposedly losing our best and brightest, if that is the definition of best and brightest, to Fayetteville or any other city for that matter? Let me tell you what I found out about Jonesboro. Fayetteville has higher percentage of people from 18 to 35 which is not surprising because it is the home of U of A. However, Jonesboro had a higher percentage in every single category for those older than 35. What does that tell me? It tells me that kids go to Fayetteville for school or possibly a job at Walmart, JB Hunt, or Tyson when they graduate. However, when they are ready to settle down and raise a family, people move to Jonesboro.

Three percent more of Fayetteville's population earned less than \$15,000 per year. One percent more of people in Fayetteville earn between \$150,000 and \$200,000 and 1.5% more people earn greater than \$200,000. But, more of our citizens fall within incomes between \$30,000 and \$150,000 than Fayetteville. What does that tell me? It tells me that Jonesboro is a city of opportunity. One can come here, find a good job in a variety of different occupations, earn a good living with lower taxes which means more buying power and more house for their money. It means that people in Jonesboro have a better opportunity to better themselves. It means our economy is one that screams, live here, build here, start your business here, bring your manufacturing here, raise your family here. We don't need an if we build it, they will come mentality. The truth is those who seek employment in those professions will go where the jobs are. If we want to keep them here, we go after the jobs. We go after the industries that need those jobs.

If we want some of these amenities so desperately, I ask, how many companies whose business it is to run water parks (for example) has Jonesboro actively pursued in the last 3 to 5 years? Why haven't they come here? Is it because we've not approached them with the idea of making Jonesboro their next build? Is it because it's not fiscally feasible for them to do so? Is it because we are getting the reputation of over burdensome building codes and restrictions? If they don't think they can run one for a profit or break even, what makes us think government can? If it cannot be run for a profit, then what will the opportunity cost of the drain on our finances be? Are we willing to give up what we need to have some of what we want?

I then looked at the ordinances themselves. In section 4, it states that the city, which really means you and I and all the other almost 80,000 people that live here, will pay for reasonable expenses of the committee. Team Jonesboro spent \$25,000 for the documents on this ordinance, the tax document and the special election documents. They hired the best attorney they could find which is sort of interesting because Team Jonesboro hired a Little Rock attorney. Anyway, I'm sure they felt that was a reasonable expense. Is the city going to be paying for feasibility study after feasibility study as reasonable expenses? What else could be considered a reasonable expense? None of that was answered. It's almost like we are being asked to pass it so

we can find out what's in it. How did they come up with the one percent which I find interesting? There was no data to support their claims that everything that they want to be built could actually be done with one percent. Yet, we are to catch the vision of a city filled with parks, museums, water parks, aquatic centers, and the likes. All this being considered, I have heard from numerous people that have told me they are for the fire and police but not for the amenities. I have heard the same on the other side too. I also feel that an "all or nothing" ordinance does not allow for the true expression of the desire of the people.

Yes, this is a "citizen initiative." I applaud them for doing this. At the same time, this is an ordinance and it is deserving of the same scrutiny as any other and I would say even more since it is dealing with a tax increase. Like I said earlier, many of Team Jonesboro are my friends. They are a group of good, well intentioned citizens who spent their own money to propose this ordinance. Yet, this should not shield it from change or exempt it from being scrutinized or modified for the good of the people of Jonesboro or to be required to back up the claims with real data. What we must also realize is that Jonesboro does not live in a bubble. What I mean by this, is that all over this state, Arkansans have higher taxes looming over their heads from legislation coming down from Little Rock. Internet Sales tax, tire tax, three cents on the gallon for gasoline tax, five cents on diesel and the list goes on. These taxes impact the people of Jonesboro. They reduce the net take home pay of every individual in Arkansas. This is in addition to what I have heard proposed in these chambers as well. Are we to pass this tax increase with the expectation that all other talk of impact fees, storm water drainage fees, prepared food tax and all other fees will just disappear? I'm sure they are going to be continued to be pushed forward. We have increased a multitude of city provided amenities already. By the way, it has been said that Jonesboro doesn't have a sanitation fee for trash pick-up. That's correct, but a half cent sales tax was passed in 2014 in order to make that happen. It's not like we absorbed the cost of trash pickup out of existing revenue. There was a tax increase to pay for it.

I feel the responsibility of this committee is to put before the council a well researched, well documented ordinance that has a fiscally responsible plan in place, one with real numbers to back up the tax increase and exactly what it's going to be spent on. We have a good idea what the money will be spent on with the Fire and Police. But what is being proposed with the tax for amenities is, "All we are asking for is one hundred million dollars." When we asked - What are we going to get for one hundred million dollars? The answer is, "I don't know but trust me, it will be good." Why would we not ask to see what we are getting for the money before we ask for the money? The people will come closer to supporting a tax if they know what the tax is going to be spent on. They want more than just categories. They want to know what they are going to get for their money so they can determine if it's worth it or not.

Then, there is the special election. There is not an emergency. Special elections are expensive, about \$20,000 per election. I feel the people deserve to know what they are going to get for their one hundred million dollars. I would ask for more data to be collected allowing for this committee to put solid ordinance to the council. It is reckless to pay for an election from the taxpayer's dime, for the purpose of taking their dime. That would be my first option, slow down, get more data, know the cost of what is needed and what is wanted, and go from there. However, if this committee is set on pushing this forward, then I think we need to consider a better way.

I would want a true representation of what the people want and I hope you do to. Each of you represents an electorate and the city as a whole. We have a responsibility to do whatever we can to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to vote yes or no for all

or part of this ordinance. I have a solution that does not harm the stated intent. It will not in any way disturb the committee mechanism proposed in this ordinance being considered tonight. It will provide for a clean referendum from the people, all of the people. My proposition allows for the people to vote for all of it, none of it, or part of it. The way it is now, that freedom of choice is not possible and it should be. My proposition is to split the one-half percent for Fire and Police out of the ordinance and make it a separate ordinance keeping intact the restrictions on what the money can be spent for. What will be left is the same one-half percent for amenities, the same committee mechanisms, with no harm done to that part. If this does not pass at the ballot box for Team Jonesboro then they can get the signatures needed to put it on the ballot by going directly to the electorate which, I think, is the most forthright way anyway. If you going to ask people for their money, do it face to face.

If Team Jonesboro truly feels this is the desire of the city, then this city will show up and vote and there should be no opposition for the split. If this is not split, then I feel it is saying a couple of things. 1) Support for Amenities is not as strong as we are being led to believe and does not have the support to be passed without being tied to or propped up with a funding mechanism for Fire and Police. 2) Team Jonesboro is willing to sacrifice Police and Fire needs for amenities by forcing a my way or the highway vote. In other words, if you don't play ball the way I want, I'll just take my ball and go home. That is antics we see in Little Rock. Let's not do that here. I think the other almost 80,000 citizens of Jonesboro have a right to expect its elected officials to keep their interests in mind as well. In my view, there is absolutely no reason why this should not be split.

In summary, first I would like for more data to be requested so we can get a handle on exactly what we need so we can determine what the true sales tax might need. I would ask that one of you make a motion to instruct our city attorney to split this ordinance into two separate and distinct ordinances. One for fire and police keeping the same restrictions on the use of funds, and the other for amenities keeping the same guidelines for committee purpose, formation, and structure. If this is so moved, I would ask that a roll call vote be taken for the record. I want the true desire of the people of Jonesboro to prevail. I trust the people of Jonesboro to do the right thing. The question is do you?

Mr. McDaniel said, well, I appreciate Bobby's comments. I believe that much of what he said needs to be hashed out during the campaign if we are allowed to have one. At this stage, we are simply asking to put it on the ballot. We could have gotten signatures, but we did not get signatures specifically to do it face to face and do it this way. I want to say a couple of things. One, while I do appreciate the information about Fayetteville, the economic cesspool that it apparently is, I, personally, never brought up Fayetteville during my presentation other than to say specifically, I am not comparing ourselves to Fayetteville. That was the only thing I ever said about Fayetteville. I am not doing it. I am not going to compare it. So, while all of Bobby's stuff was informative, I don't think it applies. The part about the split, I believe is more appropriate to discuss that on the next ordinances if we can get that far. And, regarding "little Johnny," little Johnny was a metaphor. I am a poet. I won't apologize for that. I cannot help for sometimes speaking in metaphor. So, that metaphor was specifically for, we have become a city that can afford to keep the lights on, but cannot afford to go out to eat and you better hope little Johnny does not fall and break his arm. Again, in the metaphor, what that would mean is that little Johnny would be the city, some need of some sort. There is not specifically a little Johnny out there. Again, that is a metaphor. Regarding the rest of that stuff, I think the crux of what he had to say needs to be addressed in the other ordinances because I believe it was a

request for an amendment of some sort. The argument will absolutely be the anti-tax side of this argument. And, I believe the appropriate time to have that discussion is during the campaign. The appropriate time to have that discussion is not right now when we are simply asking for the right to have a campaign. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

Richard Wang, 101 University Drive, said, thank you for the opportunity to say something at this point. I'll keep it short. ORD-19:029 and ORD-19:030 are in a relationship. One does not exist without the other. So, that is where I am. What is the relationship between the ordinance that we propose to the voters, would refer to the voters a proposal to raise a one percent sales tax. Those of you who know me a little bit, know and wouldn't be surprised to know that I am all for that. I ran for council a couple of times. And the platform, given the opportunity to speak is very difficult. I wish for the same thing the group that is calling itself Team Jonesboro is about. Sidewalks, parks, bike trails, quality of life, that wonderful phrase that we all use. Yes, and tying it to economic development. Yes, just like this group is. They are my friends, most of them. I support this effort. I get the connection. I studied it. I have done the reading. Coach Ewart is right here. I don't know if he is going to say something, but he knows more than maybe most of us about that connection and it is very important. Quality of life, it is about the next step. It is about moving beyond and moving our economy into the next generation for sure. So, I will vote for that. But, my concern is with the relationship between ORD-19:030 and ORD-19:029. Would there be a way that, someone said, to hash it over more. We need to spend a little bit of time on that relationship. It seems to me. I see the need for a little more separation between the two ordinances. A little separation between the tax and spend constitutional duties of this council. Not to be shared with anybody, right, that is our constitution, not to be shared. That is the city council's job. If you were to vote to support the initiative, then put that referendum to the taxpayers. You have ownership of that tax revenue if it were to pass generated by that tax. It is your responsibility alone, right, monolithically. That is the law. That is the constitution. Everybody knows this. Some of you have been on the council. You know very well that's the truth. I'm concerned when I see an oversight integrity council without any sense of an advisory committee. I don't see it. Why not put advisory committee in your name? Metropolitan Area Planning Commission is an advisory committee. City Council handles land use issues. It is clear, yes. Would we not hash this over a little bit and say ok we are very clear. It is not so clear to me. I'm not sure it is going to be clear to a lot of taxpayers and I don't know if this is going to work at the polls. We need to be clear. Whose responsibility is it? Final analysis, final instance to determine, right, the priorities associated with expenditure of that taxpayer, right, money. Your job. Whose responsibility? It is your job. You have ownership of that tax. You have a responsibility to make sure that there is a line, a clear line. Could we not make it clearer? I think we could. There is time, right, this is it, but I would like to see that clearer for me so I could support this initiative for the future of this city. City Council needs to reflect, perhaps a little bit, on its place in our constitutional system, situated south, right, within that constitutional system. What is the City Council's job? When can it share? When can it not share? It needs to be clearer. I don't see it, alright. Prescribing other matters pertaining thereto. I don't know what that means. To identify, research, investigate, review and prioritize potential future capital improvements of a public nature within the city of Jonesboro and prescribing other manners. I don't see advising. The group needs to be in an advisory capacity with you, the City Council. If it is not, then you are abrogating your responsibility under the constitution. It seems so clear to me, but perhaps I am just not understanding exactly. This is the first time I have seen this. Chairman Hafner said, Mr. Wang, if I may, in Section 5 of this ordinance, it talks about the Council being the Jonesboro Oversight Integrity Council. It says the council shall be charged with compiling and reporting its

recommendations including identifying and prioritizing the proposed public improvements in the categories set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance. So, it's charge is compiling and recommending to the Council, the City Council. Dr. Wang said, I don't see recommending in the ordinance. Chairman Hafner said, it is in Section 5. That is only the title of the ordinance. That is not the whole ordinance. Dr. Wang said, this is what the voters are going to see. This is what they are going to look at. Chairman Hafner said, they will see the whole ordinance. Dr. Wang said, I am just suggesting that we hash a little bit more. Let's think about it a little bit. I am done. I have said my piece. I thank you for your good work. I appreciate the committee itself, this committee, and I appreciate all of those folks that are volunteering their effort. I stand ready to help in any way that I can. But, I would like it to move forward. And if I see it and that is the ballot issue, its' not going to. Thank you. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

Chairman Hafner said, just remember that this is still on the committee. Mr. McDaniel said, I just want to clarify one thing. What I want to clarify though from what I heard Dr. Wang say, I believe that he might believe that this may be a ballot question. But, the ordinance is not a ballot question. The ordinance is an up or down kind of vote amongst City Council. Even if the other two ordinances make it to ballot and get voted down, this council could still exist in theory. I think it should because there is nothing wrong with having long term planning in regards to quality of life infrastructure. So, I believe his concern, I don't want to speak for him, but from what I heard, I believe his concern was more about voter confusion. I just wanted to clarify that we as Team Jonesboro do not see the council, the oversight integrity council portion of this ordinance as a ballot issue. This is more of a City Council standard ordinance.

Jim Burton, 320 E. Nettleton, said, I promise you first since I think it was Lincoln that said that brevity is the soul of clarity. I'll be brief. I am in my 40th year of practice in law here. I don't handle criminal cases. I do personal injury work. But, I had the opportunity to serve this city for five years as City Attorney. I served on the jail improvement board. Ten years ago, the Mayor asked me and Skip Mooney, Jr. to head up a committee at the start of the recession to get a temporary police and fire tax passed. And, we took that on with some trepidation, but we got it done. Unfortunately, that tax sunsetted. We are at a juncture right now, folks, where I think a great deal of what has been said up until now is superfluous. Somebody said that we are not in an emergency situation, I would submit to you that anytime you pick up the newspaper or look at KAIT8's website and there is a shooting or an armed robbery, things that we previously didn't concern ourselves about too much in this city despite the repetity of growth, then I would say that sort of qualifies as an emergency, at least for the poor people who are working second and third jobs to take care of a family and they have the misfortune to work at a Kum 'n Go or someplace like that at 2:30 in the morning when somebody comes over from another town around this part of the state and decides to rob them. With all of that said, my chief concern here, I don't care how the ordinance is framed. I don't care how the committee is framed. I want to get this thing on the ballot and I want it to move toward a vote. All of the wonderful amenities that we already have and that we can have more of as a result of this plan which I heartedly endorse. All presupposed that you have a platform of public safety on which all of that rests. If you don't have that, you can't secure a safe future. If you can't secure that, it doesn't matter what kind of arts council you have, what kind of museum you have, what kind of other amenities to attract people to this city you have. And, certainly, that is happening. I saw the numbers the other day. We are about 300 people off of 80,000 people. Well, that is remarkable. When I was City Attorney, we did Mayor Brodell's big annexation. In 1990, I had a man that was an opponent of it come to me and say, son, and when someone says son to you, they are getting ready to patronize you. Son, yall

won't fill that land up in 100 years. By god, we have filled it up in 29. Now, I love this city. It has been good to me and my family. And, I do not want to see it fall into a retrograde situation like some other places in northeast Arkansas, one of which I grew up in as a child, not far from here, which went the other way because they didn't have any leadership. And, now, they are crime ridden. I do not want to see that. I want to see this passed. I want to see the police and the fire departments get the support that they need and that they need desperately. Believe me, ladies and gentlemen, if you haven't worked around them, the police and fire department of this city, you get more than your money's worth out of them and that is for sure. The other things can come along. The other things can be developed, but that is principal, that is priority. Like I said, I will be brief. That is about all I have got to say for this evening, but I may be back. Thank you.

Chairman Hafner said, make sure that you talk about the committee, not the ordinance itself. We are still on the committee ordinance.

Debbie Sitzes, 217 Gilbert, said, the committee means this right here, right? Is that what you are talking about? Chairman Hafner said, no. It will be a separate committee. Ms. Sitzes asked, a committee that you are going to chose to make decisions on these projects, right? Chairman Hafner said, right. Ms. Sitzes said, that is going to be based on diversity. I want to know how much diversity? Chairman Hafner said, I can't answer that question. I don't know who all is going to apply to be on it. Ms. Sitzes said, I can use myself as an example. I see a project that is coming up that is going to be a lot of money. I can hire a whole bunch of women. I can be an all female job site and I want that money. So, diversity says me and my girls should get that. That is what I am saying. I think it should be based on experience and knowledge, not so much diversity. Chairman Hafner said, that is probably going to be just one component of it. We are a diverse city. We need to make sure that we are diverse as we can be on this committee if it happens. Ms. Sitzes said, I have heard that before and I have been involved in that before and it is always downplayed in the beginning and then it doesn't end up that way. So, enough said on that. The second part is you are going to vote on this, this council here? And, then the public? Jonesboro is going to vote on it? Chairman Hafner said, on this committee itself, if it makes it out of committee today, then it will be voted on by council. This is not a ballot question. This committee is not a ballot question. If it goes to the next step, it goes from committee to council. Ms. Sitzes asked, ultimately, is it going to be voted on by the people of Jonesboro? Chairman Hafner said, not this committee. The tax would be if it makes it. Ms. Sitzes asked, only the tax not any of this? Chairman Hafner said, not the committee. No. The committee is not voted on. Committees are not voted on. Ms. Sitzes said, that is a lot of money. That could be huge. You don't think the people of Jonesboro should have a vote on that? Chairman Hafner said, no, I don't think the citizens of Jonesboro should have a vote on who is on this committee because anybody that is a citizen of Jonesboro that is old enough to vote can be on this committee. So, you don't want 40,000 people to run campaigns and appear on a ballot and get voted on. It would be, I think, procedurally impossible to have a committee like this voted on by the citizens. Ms. Sitzes said, I mean to vote on this entire system. Chairman Hafner said, in my opinion, the committee can't be voted on by the people. Ms. Sitzes said, I mean they might want to vote it down just for the tax. Councilmember Charles Coleman said, it is two different things. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, the tax will be voted on. Chairman Hafner said, yeah, the tax will be voted on. Ms. Duncan said, it is just the committee that won't be voted on by the citizens. Ms. Sitzes asked, even if they vote down the tax, the rest of it can go forward? Ms. Duncan said, if they vote down the tax, then there would probably be no need for a committee. Chairman Hafner said, so there could still be a need for long term planning that we don't currently have right now. Ms.

Duncan said, I mean they could plan, but they wouldn't have a lot of money. Chairman Hafner said, the committee would be more pertinent or needed if we actually had money and wished to invest it in the kinds of projects that we are talking about instead of just talking about them. Ms. Sitzes said, thank you. Chairman Hafner said, thank you for your comments.

Chairman Joe Hafner asked, is this about the committee or is this about the tax? I don't know. I just need to know one thing. You will have to excuse me. I am Curtis Montgomery, 1704 Smoot, and I am hard of hearing alright. As I understand what you are saying. You are looking for something. You are taking this to the council, right? Chairman Hafner asked, are you talking about the committee? We are just the Finance Committee. Anything that we forward goes on to Council next. Mr. Montgomery asked, so if anybody has anything to say about separating the two, one for the essential stuff and the other for the quality stuff, would say that in front of the Council, right? Chairman Hafner said, you can, but we are also going to talk about the ordinance itself next. Mr. Montgomery asked, the ordinance itself? Chairman Hafner said, right now, we are just talking about the committee. Mr. Montgomery said, let me understand, what you come up with goes to the Council, but the Council votes on whether this is going to go forward as one or two ordinances, right? Councilmember Coleman said, I think you are mixed up. We are talking about the committee. We are not talking about the money. Mr. Montgomery asked, you are not going to be talking about what goes to the citizens of this city to vote on? City Clerk Donna Jackson said, that is the next item. Councilmember Coleman said, this committee here has to vote for it to go to the Council or don't go to the Council. Mr. Montgomery asked, so anything about splitting it or anything else will have to be addressed to the Council, not this committee? Councilmember Coleman said, you can address it. Chairman Hafner said, you can address it to us, but that is not the ordinance that we are on right now. Right now, we are only on the ordinance for the committee, the oversight committee, the integrity council. Mr. Montgomery said, ok. Ms. Jackson said, we are on ORD-19:029 which sets a committee. The next one you are talking about is ORD-19:030. It comes up next. Mr. Montgomery said, I see that and I see that one percent sticking me right in the eye. Now, ok. My point is separate the two. One is essential and one is quality of life. Don't let one or the other adversely affect the other. That is my position. Thank you. Chairman Hafner said, thank you for your comment.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[ORD-19:030](#)

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1.00%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR THE ARTS, AQUATICS, BEAUTIFICATION, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, PARK FACILITIES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SIDEWALKS, AND TRAIL SYSTEMS AND FOR THE OPERATION,

MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Louis Lancaster, 2916 Dacus Lane, said, did you ask for comments? Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah. I didn't see any. We just voted on it. Mr. Lancaster said, I have no party affiliation with any of you people. I hate being up here. The less that I have to do with the city, the better off I am. If you patch the potholes, then I am happy. However, according to the internet this morning, Arkansas rates 33rd by population of the United States. It rates number 25 by income tax burden. It rates number 17 by allover tax burden. It rates number 5 by sales tax and excise tax burden and you are wanting to add another cent to that. That would move us up to number 3 for just locally. I suggest that if you want to improve quality of life for me, you reduce the damn tax. It spooks me when groups, individuals, governments get together and come up with a pet project that they want me to pay for. That is just not right. Quality of life, climate change, comprehensive immigration policy, it is all buzz words, it doesn't mean anything. What happened to the social security lockbox? Fayetteville has fifteen brew pubs and breweries. You talk about getting the money they got, go right ahead. Maybe a couple of bars here is what we need. It just aggravates me. I don't know what to tell you about it. You all are going to do what you want to, but it's just not right. Thank you. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[ORD-19:031](#)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1.00%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR THE ARTS, AQUATICS, BEAUTIFICATION, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, PARK FACILITIES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SIDEWALKS, AND TRAIL SYSTEMS AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I'm going to switch the order of the next one. I am actually going to read the ordinance regarding the levy first and then to the one regarding the special election.

A citizen approached and said, one quick question again on this tax that was being collected, with half for the city fire and police, absolutely no problems with, and the facilities. I am wondering if these taxes though, and I think I brought this up before, can this money be put on a separate line item within the budget so that we have transparency to see how this money is truly being spent for these facilities? If it is going to an aquatics center, it is coming out of this line item, it is \$6 million. If it is going to the shooting complex, it is \$6 million. If we are buying a garbage truck or a police car or whatever, these need to be separate line items so we see the transparency of this \$200 million over the next twelve years. Chairman Hafner said, yes

sir. The citizen said, if not, then this is just going to get rolled into the general fund and no body is going to be able to track it three years from now. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, any time a tax is designated, it is required that you be able to track that the tax was spent for the category that the voters approved it for. So, that would be a requirement. The citizen asked, so that will be a separate line item that we can look into to see what was spent? Ms. Duncan said, yes sir.

Louis Lancaster, 2916 Dacus Lane, asked, ORD-19:031, which you just read, is asking for a one percent sales tax? Chairman Hafner said, yes. Mr. Lancaster asked, and ORD-19:30, which we skipped over is asking for a one percent sales tax? Chairman Hafner said, no. They are related. ORD-19:031, if it got placed on the ballot, would not go into effect unless the special election that ORD-19:30 calls for passed. Mr. Lancaster asked, are you talking about one percent or two percent? Chairman Hafner said, it is one percent total. It is one percent total. ORD-19:030 is only authorizing the special election to enact that tax that is asked for in ORD-19:31. Mr. Lancaster asked, which will run twelve years? Chairman Hafner said, yes, if it passes, yes.

Councilmember Bobby Long, 4121 Oakhill Lane, said, again, this is the tax, the levying mechanism. I would ask that one of the members of the Finance Committee make a motion to split this into two separate ordinances. And, after such motion being made, a roll call vote be taken. Chairman Hafner said, there is already a motion and second to forward to full council.

Councilmember Gene Vance, 2911 Covey said, we have had a lot of talk about increasing the revenues for the city for a long time. And, I have been one that has advocated from my position on the Council, now is not the time for a council or administration led tax levy. We have before us a presentation from citizens of Jonesboro asking for the one percent tax. If this committee and the council following it separates the two, then it becomes a council issue. And, I really think this needs to remain a issue for the citizens of Jonesboro and not for the council. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

Police Chief Rick Elliott, Jonesboro Police Department, said, on behalf of the police department, I will concur with Councilmember Vance that this needs to be one vote, one issue as it is being proposed. This is about quality of life and yes, we all know about the public safety side and I agree. Obviously, there is not an argument there that we have a need for improvements over public safety, police and fire. Ok. The other side of public safety is sidewalks. Right now, we have a sidewalk project from Belt to Magnolia that needs to be built. It is about \$2 million. Dr. Coleman has repeatedly said, we need a sidewalk. But guess what, we don't have the money to fund this sidewalk right now. There is \$2 million that we don't have. This could be a priority project. And, this list of sidewalks goes on and on and on. We talk about these other amenities that some people think that is not important. It is important. It is important to me in law enforcement because I look at it as on the proactive end of law enforcement. I want a place for these kids to go and have things to do. The greatest thing the City of Jonesboro did years ago was when this CityYouth Ministries City Youth Team opened up over here. Our juvenile crime dropped. This has been a saving grace for the youth in our city and it still is. These other programs, these outreach programs that have developed throughout this city are great for the city and great for our youth because, trust me, if they are left idle, they will get into mischief and subsequently get into our hands. Right now, we are having youth trying to be, you know, recruited into gang activities. That is a problem that we are trying to get addressed and get a hold on and get rid of before it gets out of hand. So, proactive

with these amenities, these parks, these trails, whatever, there is that need. Public Safety, quality of life, it is hand in hand. So, when you think about wanting to divide or not, please keep it as written and let's push forward. As far as emergency, we needed this years ago. When this last tax sunsetted, my budget has been hammered and hacked every since. I had five police cars this year. I have added two people off of a federal grant in the past couple of years. I have done what I can do with what I have got. It is time to move forward. We can't wait any longer. This vote should of happened this spring. So, it is time to get this on the ballot and let's get it moved forward and do what we need to do. Thank you very much. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

Fire Chief Kevin Miller, Jonesboro Fire Department, said, I am going to echo what Chief Elliott said. He is nailing it right on the head. As far as the emergency services and quality of life, they do go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other. Our needs for the fire department are very apparent. We are growing. Being able to keep up with that addition, being able to keep up with the growth and development, we need two fire stations now to be able to meet the needs we have. Depending upon what growth and development comes in the future, we are also going to look at those. But, the safety and quality of life go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other. You can have all of these amenities, but if people don't feel safe enough to use them, then they are not. And, you can have the greatest protection, but if everybody feels like every weekend, they have got to go somewhere else to do something, then what are you protecting? They go hand in hand. We are going to jump into this with both feet, one direction, keep the sales tax together and we move forward just like what Chief Elliott said. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-19:062](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).

Councilmember David McClain said, I am just trying to get some clarity. We are refunding them, I guess. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, our Bond attorney is here. Councilmember McClain asked, I am just wanting some clarity as how RES-19:062 and RES-19:064, are they going to be tied together? Chairman Joe Hafner said, they are, but one is financially related and one is construction related. Councilmember McClain asked, can you give me a little more clarity? Michele Allgood, Mitchell Williams Law Firm, 110 E. Huntington, said, we are assisting Risever as their local counsel. This is in the standard form. So, it is presented to you in the form that AEDC (Arkansas Economic Development Commission) asks us to present. They are going to get back the sales tax that they pay. It is specifically designated what things that they pay sales tax on that they can get back. And, so most of that is construction. Councilmember McClain said, ok. On the second part, it says we are issuing. We can get there when we get there. Chairman Hafner said, it is financing related. Let's cover that later. Councilmember McClain said, ok.

Curtis Montgomery, 1704 Smoot, said, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt, but I am confused. Are you still representing the council and this is your meeting? Chairman

Hafner said, we are City Council members, but this is just the Finance and Administration Committee meeting. Mr. Curtis asked, is this an official City Council meeting? Chairman Hafner said, no, it is not an official City Council meeting. That is on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Mr. Montgomery said, that is who I want to talk to. Thank you. Chairman Hafner said, this is just a committee meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:063](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TOTAL LIFE HEALTHCARE TO SCHEDULE JET SERVICES

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Chairman Joe Hafner asked, what exactly are we doing here? In the contract itself, it talks about Route Match and Route to Match user licenses. JET Director Michael Black said, they are actually piggybacking off of our software. They provide their own transportation. They do their own scheduling. This would give them an additional desktop to put the program on so that they can have three folks there doing their scheduling as compared to right now, just two. Chairman Hafner said, ok.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:064](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE FINANCING OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO BE LEASED TO RISEVER MACHINERY, LLC, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY AMENDMENT 65 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LAW

Attachments: [Agreement to Issue Bonds \(Risever\) \(2\).docx](#)

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, so I haven't been around long enough to see this come through. So, maybe for Risever's counsel or our City Attorney, can you just walk me through what, if any, liability we have on this. Michele Allgood, Mitchell and Williams Law Firm, said, you have no liability. That is my favorite question. So, you have no liability. The purpose of the bond, we have to do a bond issue under Arkansas law, but the purpose is to put into place the payment in lieu of tax agreement. So, the city, as many of the councilmembers remember, they have a very strong history of supporting economic development and this is the best tool, in my opinion, in your toolbox for doing that. I anticipate that Risever will be asking for incentives. They are similar to what you have been doing for other companies. Some of the ones I have worked on are Frito-Lay, FMH Conveyor. So, typically, Arkansas law permits a maximum abatement of 65% of what would otherwise be due. And, then a maximum term of thirty years. The city's history is typically a 65% with a negotiated term. So, I anticipate there would be somewhere between 15 and 25 years. So, one way to look at this, is that this is incentivizing. Risever relied on the city's history whenever it decided to put its plant here. So, they are looking at an investment between \$20-\$25 million.

The ad valorem property taxes on that, they would be paying 35% of what would otherwise be due. 35% is something and is more than 100% of nothing. But, I am happy to answer any specific questions. You have no liability and it is to achieve the purpose of incentivizing them. Councilmember Bryant said, thank you. Ms. Allgood said, this is a non-binding resolution. This is to follow the city's protocols. So, we have statutory compliance processes including the public hearing. So, the primary purpose is to start that process. Councilmember David McClain said, so the resolution goes for next week. We have a public hearing. Then we come back with a separate ordinance, I guess. Is that the process? Just walk me through the process. This is my first time going through this. So, help me understand and see what the process is like. Ms. Allgood said, so, what we do in the City of Jonesboro is that we bring the resolution to the Finance committee. You recommend it to the City Council. And, then, the City Council, when it adopts this, the primary thing that it is going to do is it is going to set the public hearing for June 18, 2019. And, then we will follow the normal protocols, work with the City Attorney and the City Clerk in getting the bond ordinance, the official obligating document introduced into the normal protocols. So, that will come back to you at your next meeting assuming that the City Council passes this resolution next week. So, the ordinance will come to you and assuming that you recommend that to the City Council agenda, then at the June 18th meeting, there will be a public hearing and you will consider the bond ordinance that would implement or put everything into place to activate this incentive. Councilmember McClain said, are they asking for \$25 million? Ms. Allgood said, that is what they are investing. So, what you are doing is the property taxes that you pay, the same property tax bill that you get for your cars and for your home, the ad valorem taxes, the millage that goes to the schools, that goes to the roads, what you are saying is instead of paying 100% of the property taxes on that \$20 million investment, we are going to let you pay 35% for a certain period of time. Not forever. The law does not permit it to be forever. Councilmember McClain said, ok. Thank you. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:065](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TATE GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR FORUM RENOVATIONS PROJECT (2019:22)

Attachments: [2019-05-14_Bid-Tabulation_Certified.pdf](#)
[A101-2017 - Agreement - Forum-Renovations.pdf](#)
[A201-2017 - General-Conditions - Forum-Renovations.pdf](#)
[Bid Form.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:066](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NEAIDC) FOR FUNDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Attachments: [Contract NEAIDC19_received_05222019.pdf](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, my only comment is that this is in line with past years. Also, the core lead presentations are still in there as updates for the City Council. I think it is time or maybe a little past time for them to come back and give us another update. I think it was like in December or so when we got our last one so I would just ask that we get them back here hopefully in June.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:067](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY19 BUILD GRANT FOR THE SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD WIDENING EXPANSION PROJECT

Attachments: [07 - S Caraway Widening AERIAL EXHIBIT.pdf](#)
[S. Caraway Widening Expansion Cost Estimate.jpg](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, my only comment is that it looks like this would run from East Parker to Fox Meadow. Councilmember David McClain said, I know Craig that it is not official, I was looking at the design here on the aerial design, I know that is not the final deal, but are we anticipating sidewalks, bike lanes, all of that kind of stuff or are we just going to do sidewalks and that's pretty much it. What are we anticipating? I know it depends on how much we get if we get anything. Engineering Director Craig Light said, the cross section has not been finalized yet, but it is proposed as a five-lane cross section with sidewalks on either side. That is in accordance with what our current design guidance from the Master Street Plan is for a five-lane section for a minor arterial with sidewalks on each side. I mean there is an alternative with a trail on one side. For an arterial, there are no one lane bike lanes in our Master Street Plan.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:068](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTSAFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO TRACK THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S CONTRACTS.

Attachments: [ContractSafe Agreement Jonesboro_052119.docx](#)
[Laserfiche Proposal City of Jonesboro.pdf](#)

City Clerk Donna Jackson said, I have something to say on this one. Mr. Ockert and I had an exchange and I think it got all confused. Nobody talked to me about the purchase of this software. And, it bothers me from the standpoint as the City Clerk, my office is responsible for the contracts. Legistar has that ability to do what this software does. And, we even put in for our budget to be able to do the boards and commissions and keep up with the contracts. And, it was denied. We were told there was no financing for it, no money. And, my feelings are that I am not necessarily opposed to this software, but it comes down to who is going to be administrating this software. And, I don't feel like it should be Finance and Administration since the Clerk

is responsible for contracts. I hate to see us have something out there that is being controlled by another department when my office is the one given the legal responsibility. I don't have a problem with pulling it, looking at it, and trying to come up with a compromise. It is not that I am trying to prevent anybody from doing what they need to do, but I didn't know anything about this until we saw it on the agenda. Chairman Joe Hafner said, let me ask this question. On the line item that you had in your original budget, was it an additional module to Legistar in order to do this? Ms. Jackson said, yes. We met with IT, the Mayor, several were involved with it and it was determined that there wasn't enough money. And, we are slowly buying different software pieces that are controlled by other departments when I think we ought to stick with what we have. Chairman Hafner said, I would have to agree with that. If Legistar is keeper of the contracts and there is a part of that that can track the contracts and the due dates and stuff like we are asking for, because I have been one that I have been asking why are we getting this stuff that is already past the date and that drives me crazy. I want us to have something in place in order to do that, but I don't necessarily want to add a system if our current system already does it or can do it. Interim Chief of Staff Roy Ockert said, our belief is that this system will do things that Legistar cannot do such as notify people when contracts are about up or a certificate of deposit for example. It would also give us notification of when appointments to committees are about to be up. It could give us any number of things. It is an administrative tool. It doesn't usurp anything from the City Clerk. The City Clerk will still maintain contracts. I presume that the service that does this would simply pick it up from Legistar and make a copy of it, just as anybody else can do. Chairman Hafner said, I understand that, but I kind of just feel like we are a little bit in the dark. I know there has been a motion and a second, but I guess, if I had my way I would like for it to be tabled and let us look at the different options. Councilmember John Street said, I will amend my motion to postpone temporary for further review of this. Councilmember McClain said, I will send that motion. Chairman Hafner said, yeah, we can look into that some more. Thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

5. Pending Items

[RES-19:037](#)

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Attachments: [RES-19-037 Amendment 05282019 Finance.pdf](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, obviously at our last meeting, Mr. Ockert mentioned about potentially modeling this after the way we do our hotels. I think that each of you all may have received his not really proposed amendment, but his potential amendment to this resolution. Like I said, for our original ordinance, the per unit fees were way too high and I want to keep it fair. So, what is the desire of the committee? Councilmember John Street motioned to forward it to full council as amended. Chairman Hafner said, it hasn't been amended yet. Councilmember Street said, I will motion to amend it as presented by Mr. Ockert. Chairman Hafner asked, is that acceptable? Councilmember David McClain asked, is this the amendment here that is attached here? Chairman Hafner said, I will read the proposed amendment. RES-19:037 version 2 amended, a

resolution for the adoption of privilege license fee schedule for short term residential rental properties in the City of Jonesboro. Whereas, Ordinance 18:081 established requirements for short-term residential rental properties in the City of Jonesboro; and whereas, one requirement is that the properties must have a privilege license issued by the city before they conduct business within the city. Now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas that the following fee schedule is hereby adopted: Number of Units: 1-9 Units - \$100; 10-19 Units - \$125.00; 20-29 Units - \$150.00; 30-39 Units - \$175.00; 40-49 Units - \$225.00; 50-74 Units - \$275.00; 75-99 Units - \$325.00; 100 Units and more - \$400.00. Councilmember McClain said, that is not on Legistar so I was curious. Councilmember Street said, I will move to amend this as read by the chairman. I think it is more than fair. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I have a question. So, that would be per unit like on the 1-9 units? Chairman Hafner said, no it is flat. Councilmember Bryant said, so you can have up to nine units and it would still be a flat \$100? Chairman Hafner said, yes. It is not per unit, it is a flat fee based upon the number of units. Councilmember Street said, and they have to have a privilege license. Chairman Hafner said, yeah. That is what the privilege license is. Councilmember McClain asked, this isn't both? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, this is the privilege license. Councilmember McClain said, that is what I thought. Chairman Hafner said, in accordance with the ordinance we just passed saying they had to have a privilege license. Ms. Duncan said, right. This is just setting the fee for that. Councilmember McClain said, ok.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Coleman, to amend RES-19:037 to reflect the changes presented by Interim Chief of Staff Roy Ockert. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

6. Other Business

Chairman Hafner said, under Other Business, I did receive today RES-19:069. The Mayor has asked that we suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:069 to tonight's meeting.

[RES-19:069](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APEX, INC. FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY

Attachments: [Apex - Delta.pdf](#)
[Complete Commitment.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember David McClain, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:069. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:073	Version:	1	Name:	SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FY19 COMPETITIVE FUNDING GRANT FOR BUSES AND BUS FACILITY PROGRAM
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FY19 COMPETITIVE FUNDING GRANT FOR BUSES AND BUS FACILITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, applications are now being accepted for the FY19 Buses and Bus Facility program;

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, understands that the FY19 Buses and Bus Facility program grant is available at 80% federal match from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and 20% local match required to expand the JET system fleet;

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro understands that Federal-aid funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual monetary reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is seeking funding for two new transit buses and one para-transit van for the JET Department;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Jonesboro City Council that:

SECTION 1: The Jonesboro City Council supports the submission of the FTA FY19 Buses and Bus Facility program; and

SECTION 2: The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized by the Jonesboro City Council to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Jonesboro City Council with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 5339, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration; and

SECTION 3: The Mayor and City Clerk of Jonesboro are hereby authorized by the City Council to execute all necessary documents for Federal assistance on behalf of the Jonesboro City Council for the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.

SECTION 4: The Grants and Community Development Department is hereby authorized by the Jonesboro City Council to submit all necessary documents for this federal program.

the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by July 1, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>. See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Acting Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0038]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice

that by a document dated April 9, 2019, the Port Authority Trans Hudson Corporation (PATH) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240, subpart B, *Component Elements of the Certification Process*, and subpart D, *Administration of the Certification Programs*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0038.

Specifically, PATH requests relief from the requirement of performing one unannounced test each calendar year for each locomotive engineer as required by 49 CFR 240.129(e)(1) and 49 CFR 240.303(a), (c). PATH explains that with the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) on its system, it is impossible for an engineer to fail any of the allowable unannounced tests because PTC will automatically perform the desired function with or without intervention from the engineer.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
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final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2019 Competitive Funding Opportunity; Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$423.35 million in fiscal year (FY) 2019 funds under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (CFDA#20.526). As required by federal public transportation law and subject to funding availability, funds will be awarded competitively to assist in the financing of capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities. Projects may include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or to the construction of facilities, such as the costs of related workforce development and training activities, and project administration expenses. FTA may award additional funds if they are made available to the program prior to the announcement of project selections. **DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the

GRANTS.GOV “APPLY” function by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 21, 2019. Prospective applicants should initiate the process by promptly registering on the *GRANTS.GOV* website to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA’s website at <http://transit.dot.gov/howtoapply> and in the “FIND” module of *GRANTS.GOV*.

The *GRANTS.GOV* funding opportunity ID is FTA–2019–003–TPM. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Bathrick, FTA Office of Program Management, 202–366–9955, or mark.bathrick@dot.gov.

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A. Program Description

Section 5339(b) of Title 49, United States Code, as amended by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114–94, Dec. 4, 2015), authorizes FTA to award funds for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program through a competitive process, as described in this notice, for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities.

The purpose of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program is to assist in the financing of capital projects for buses and bus facilities, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities.

The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program provides funds under 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(1), to eligible applicants including designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, states or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. FTA also may award grants to eligible recipients for projects to be undertaken by subrecipients. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and also private nonprofit organizations

engaged in public transportation. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(2), FTA will “consider the age and condition of buses, bus fleets, related equipment, and bus-related facilities” in selecting projects for funding. FTA may prioritize projects that demonstrate how they will address significant repair and maintenance needs, improve the safety of transit systems and deploy connective projects that include advanced technologies to connect bus systems with other networks.

B. Federal Award Information

Federal public transportation law at 49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(M) authorizes \$267,059,980 in FY 2019 funds for the Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 appropriated an additional \$160,000,000 for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. After the mandatory oversight takedown of \$3,840,450 and the addition of \$130,710 in unallocated FY 2018 program funding, FTA is announcing the availability of \$423,350,240 for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program through this notice.

As required under 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(5), a minimum of 10 percent of the amount awarded under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program will be awarded to projects located in rural areas. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(8), no single grantee will be awarded more than 10 percent of the amounts made available. FTA may further cap the amount a single recipient or State may receive as part of the selection process. In FY 2018, for example, the largest amount awarded to a single applicant was \$11,000,000 and no State received more than 8 percent of the total funding available.

FTA will grant pre-award authority to incur costs for selected projects beginning on the date that project selections are announced. Funds are only available for projects that have not incurred costs prior to the selection of projects, and will remain available for obligation for three Federal fiscal years, not including the year in which the funds are allocated to projects.

C. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Under 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(1), eligible applicants include designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, states or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and also private

nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation.

Under 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(3), States may submit a statewide application on behalf of public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation in rural areas or for other areas for which a State allocates funds. Except for projects proposed by Indian tribes, all proposals for projects in rural (non-urbanized) areas must be submitted by a State, either individually or as a part of a statewide application. States and other eligible applicants may also submit consolidated proposals for projects in urbanized areas. The submission of a statewide or consolidated urbanized area application shall not preclude the submission and consideration of any application from other eligible recipients in an urbanized area in a State. Proposals may contain projects to be implemented by the recipient or its subrecipients.

To be considered eligible, applicants must be able to demonstrate the requisite legal, financial and technical capabilities to receive and administer Federal funds under this program.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

The maximum federal share for projects selected under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program is 80 percent of the net project cost (*i.e.*, the local amount should be at least 20 percent of the net project cost, not 20 percent of the requested grant amount), unless noted below by one of the exceptions.

a. The maximum Federal share is 85 percent of the net project cost of acquiring vehicles (including clean-fuel or alternative fuel vehicles) that are compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

b. The maximum Federal share is 90 percent of the net project cost of acquiring, installing or constructing vehicle-related equipment or facilities (including clean fuel or alternative-fuel vehicle-related equipment or facilities) that are required by the ADA of 1990, or that are necessary to comply with or maintaining compliance with the Clean Air Act. The award recipient must itemize the cost of specific, discrete, vehicle-related equipment associated with compliance with ADA or CAA to be eligible for the maximum 90 percent Federal share for these costs.

Eligible sources of local match include the following: Cash from non-Government sources other than revenues from providing public transportation services; revenues derived from the sale of advertising and

concessions; amounts received under a service agreement with a State or local social service agency or private social service organization; revenues generated from value capture financing mechanisms; or funds from an undistributed cash surplus; replacement or depreciation cash fund or reserve; or new capital. In addition, transportation development credits or documentation of in-kind match may substitute for local match if identified in the application.

If an applicant proposes a Federal share greater than 80 percent, the application must clearly explain why the project is eligible for the proposed Federal share.

3. Eligible Projects

Under 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(1), eligible projects are capital projects to replace, rehabilitate purchase, or lease buses, vans, and related equipment, and capital projects to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities.

Recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5 percent of their requested grant award for workforce development activities eligible under 49 U.S.C. 5314(b) and an additional 0.5 percent for costs associated with training at the National Transit Institute, to pay not more than 80 percent of the cost of eligible activities (see 49 U.S.C. 5314(b)(4) and 49 U.S.C. 5314(c)(4)(A)). Applicants must identify the proposed use of funds for these activities in the project proposal and identify them separately in the project budget.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address

Applications must be submitted electronically through *GRANTS.GOV*. General information for submitting applications through *GRANTS.GOV* can be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/applying/applying-fta-funding> along with specific instructions for the forms and attachments required for submission. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted. A complete proposal submission consists of two forms: The SF424 Application for Federal Assistance (downloaded from *GRANTS.GOV*) and the supplemental form for the FY 2019 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (downloaded from *GRANTS.GOV* or the FTA website at www.transit.dot.gov/busprogram). Applicants may also attach additional supporting information. Failure to submit the information as required can delay or prevent review of the application.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

A complete proposal submission consists of two forms: The SF424 Application for Federal Assistance and the FY 2019 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program supplemental form. The supplemental form and any supporting documents must be attached to the "Attachments" section of the SF424. A complete application must include responses to all sections of the SF424 Application for Federal Assistance and the supplemental form, unless indicated as optional. The information on the supplemental form will be used to determine applicant and project eligibility for the program, and to evaluate the proposal against the selection criteria described in part E of this notice.

FTA will accept only one supplemental form per SF424 submission. FTA encourages States and other applicants to consider submitting a single supplemental form that includes multiple activities to be evaluated as a consolidated proposal. If a State or other applicant chooses to submit separate proposals for individual consideration by FTA, each proposal must be submitted using a separate SF424 and supplemental form.

Applicants may attach additional supporting information to the SF424 submission, including but not limited to letters of support, project budgets, fleet status reports or excerpts from relevant planning documents. Supporting documentation must be described and referenced by file name in the appropriate response section of the supplemental form, or it may not be reviewed.

Information such as applicant name, Federal amount requested, local match amount, description of areas served, etc. may be requested in varying degrees of detail on both the SF424 and Supplemental Form. Applicants must fill in all fields unless stated otherwise on the forms. Applicants should not place N/A or "refer to attachment" in lieu of typing in responses in the field sections. If information is copied into the supplemental form from another source, applicants should verify that pasted text is fully captured on the supplemental form and has not been truncated by the character limits built into the form. Applicants should use both the "Check Package for Errors" and the "Validate Form" validation buttons on both forms to check all required fields on the forms, and ensure that the federal and local amounts specified are consistent.

The SF424 Mandatory Form and the Supplemental Form will prompt applicants for the required information, including:

- a. Applicant Name
- b. Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number
- c. Key contact information (including contact name, address, email address, and phone)
- d. Congressional district(s) where project will take place
- e. Project Information (including title, an executive summary, and type)
- f. A detailed description of the need for the project
- g. A detailed description on how the project will support the Bus Infrastructure Program's objectives
- h. Evidence that the project is consistent with local and regional planning objectives
- i. Evidence that the applicant can provide the local cost share
- j. A description of the technical, legal and financial capacity of the applicant
- k. A detailed project budget
- l. An explanation of the scalability of the project
- m. Details on the local matching funds
- n. A detailed project timeline

3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each applicant is required to: (1) Be registered in SAM before submitting an application; (2) provide a valid unique entity identifier in its application; and (3) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which the applicant has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by FTA. These requirements do not apply if the applicant: (1) Is an individual; (2) is exempted from the requirements under 2 CFR 25.110(b) or (c); or (3) has an exception approved by FTA under 2 CFR 25.110(d). FTA may not make an award until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time FTA is ready to make an award, FTA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant. All applicants must provide a unique entity identifier provided by SAM. SAM registration takes approximately 3-5 business days, but FTA recommends allowing ample time, up to several weeks, for completion of all steps. For additional information on obtaining a unique entity identifier, please visit www.sam.gov.

4. Submission Dates and Times

Project proposals must be submitted electronically through *GRANTS.GOV* by 11:59 p.m. Eastern on June 21, 2019. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

FTA urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the due date to allow time to correct any problems that may have caused either *Grants.gov* or FTA systems to reject the submission. Proposals submitted after the deadline will only be considered under extraordinary circumstances not under the applicant's control. Deadlines will not be extended due to scheduled website maintenance. *GRANTS.GOV* scheduled maintenance and outage times are announced on the *GRANTS.GOV* website.

Within 48 hours after submitting an electronic application, the applicant should receive two email messages from *GRANTS.GOV*: (1) Confirmation of successful transmission to *GRANTS.GOV* and (2) confirmation of successful validation by *GRANTS.GOV*. If confirmations of successful validation are not received or a notice of failed validation or incomplete materials is received, the applicant must address the reason for the failed validation, as described in the email notice, and resubmit before the submission deadline. If making a resubmission for any reason, applicants must include all original attachments regardless of which attachments were updated and check the box on the supplemental form indicating this is a resubmission.

Applicants are encouraged to begin the process of registration on the *GRANTS.GOV* site well in advance of the submission deadline. Registration is a multi-step process, which may take several weeks to complete before an application can be submitted. Registered applicants may still be required to take steps to keep their registration up to date before submissions can be made successfully: (1) Registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) is renewed annually; and, (2) persons making submissions on behalf of the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) must be authorized in *GRANTS.GOV* by the AOR to make submissions.

5. Funding Restrictions

Funds under this NOFO cannot be used to reimburse applicants for otherwise eligible expenses incurred prior to FTA award of a Grant Agreement until FTA has issued pre-award authority for selected projects.

6. Other Submission Requirements

Applicants are encouraged to identify scaled funding options in case insufficient funding is available to fund a project at the full requested amount. If an applicant indicates that a project is scalable, the applicant must provide an appropriate minimum funding amount that will fund an eligible project that achieves the objectives of the program and meets all relevant program requirements. The applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the project budget would be affected by a reduced award. FTA may award a lesser amount whether or not a scalable option is provided.

E. Application Review

FTA will evaluate project proposals for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program based on the criteria described in this notice. Projects will be evaluated primarily on the responses provided in the supplemental form. Additional information may be provided to support the responses; however, any additional documentation must be directly referenced on the supplemental form, including the file name where the additional information can be found.

1. Demonstration of Need

Applications will be evaluated based on the quality and extent to which they demonstrate how the proposed project will address an unmet need for capital investment in bus vehicles and/or supporting facilities. For example, an applicant may demonstrate an excessive reliance on vehicles that are beyond their intended service life, insufficient maintenance facilities due to size or condition, a vehicle fleet that is insufficient to meet current ridership demands or passenger facilities that are insufficient for their current use. Applicants should address whether the project represents a one-time or periodic need that cannot reasonably be funded from FTA formula program allocations and State or local resources. As a part of the response for demonstration of need, applicants should provide the following information:

a. For bus projects (replacement, rehabilitation or expansion): Applicants must provide information on the age, condition and performance of the asset(s) to be replaced or rehabilitated by the proposed project. For service expansion requests, applicants must provide information on the proposed service expansion and the benefits for transit riders and the community from the new service. For all vehicle projects, the proposal must address how the

project conforms to FTA's spare ratio guidelines.

b. For bus facility and equipment projects (replacement, rehabilitation and/or expansion): Applicants must provide information on the age and condition of the asset to be rehabilitated or replaced relative to its minimum useful life.

2. Demonstration of Benefits

Applications will be evaluated based on how well they describe how the proposed project will improve the condition of the transit system, improve the reliability of transit service for its riders and enhance access and mobility within the service area.

System Condition: FTA will evaluate the potential for the project to improve the condition of the transit system by repairing and/or replacing assets that are in poor condition or have surpassed their minimum or intended useful life benchmarks, lowering the average age of vehicles in the fleet and/or reducing the cost of maintaining outdated vehicles, facilities and equipment.

Service Reliability: FTA will evaluate the potential for the project to reduce the frequency of breakdowns or other service interruptions caused by the age and condition of the agency's bus fleet. Applicants should document their current service reliability metrics and benchmark goals, including their strategy for improving reliability with or without the award of Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds.

Enhanced Access and Mobility: FTA will evaluate the potential for the project to improve access and mobility for the transit riding public, such as through increased reliability, improved headways, creation of new transportation choices or eliminating gaps in the current route network. Proposed benefits should be based on documented ridership demand and be well-described or documented through a study or route planning proposal.

3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed project will be consistent with local and regional long-range planning documents and local government priorities. This will involve assessing whether the project is consistent with the transit priorities identified in the long range plan; and/or contingency/illustrative projects included in that plan; or the locally developed human services public transportation coordinated plan. Applicants are not required to submit copies of such plans, but should describe how the project will support regional goals. Additional

consideration will be given to applications including support letters from local and regional planning organizations, local government officials, public agencies and/or non-profit or private sector partners attesting to the consistency of the proposed project with these plans. Applicants may also address how the proposed project will impact overall system performance, asset management performance or specific performance measures tracked and monitored by the applying entity to demonstrate how the proposed project will address local and regional planning priorities.

Evidence of additional local or regional prioritization (*i.e.*, Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan) should include letters of support for the project from local government officials, public agencies (*i.e.*, Metropolitan Planning Organizations) and non-profit or private sector partners.

4. Local Financial Commitment

Applicants must identify the source of the local cost share and describe whether such funds are currently available for the project or will need to be secured if the project is selected for funding. FTA will consider the availability of the local cost share as evidence of local financial commitment to the project. Additional consideration will be given to those projects for which local funds have already been made available or reserved. Applicants should submit evidence of the availability of funds for the project, for example by including a board resolution, letter of support from the State or other documentation of the source of local funds such as a budget document highlighting the line item or section committing funds to the proposed project. In addition, as evidence of local financial commitment, an applicant may propose a local cost share that is greater than the minimum requirement. Additional consideration will be given to those projects that propose a larger percentage of local cost share.

5. Project Implementation Strategy

Projects will be evaluated based on the extent to which the project is ready to implement within a reasonable period of time and whether the applicant's proposed implementation plans are reasonable and complete.

In assessing whether the project is ready to implement within a reasonable period of time, FTA will consider whether the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion, or whether the required environmental work has been initiated or completed for projects that

require an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended. The proposal must also state whether grant funds can be obligated within 12 months from time of award, if selected, and indicate the timeframe under which the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and/or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program can be amended to include the proposed project. Additional consideration will be given to projects for which grant funds can be obligated within 12 months from time of award.

In assessing whether the proposed implementation plans are reasonable and complete, FTA will review the proposed project implementation plan, including all necessary project milestones and the overall project timeline. For projects that will require formal coordination, approvals or permits from other agencies or project partners, the applicant must demonstrate coordination with these organizations and their support for the project, such as through letters of support.

6. Technical, Legal and Financial Capacity

Applicants must demonstrate that they have the technical, legal and financial capacity to undertake the project. FTA will review relevant oversight assessments and records to determine whether there are any outstanding legal, technical or financial issues with the applicant that would affect the outcome of the proposed project. Applicants with outstanding legal, technical or financial compliance issues from an FTA compliance review or Federal Transit grant-related Single Audit finding must explain how corrective actions taken will mitigate negative impacts on the proposed project.

F. Review and Selection Process

In addition to other FTA staff that may review the proposals, a technical evaluation committee will evaluate proposals based on the published evaluation criteria. After applying the above criteria, the FTA Administrator will consider the following key Departmental objectives:

- (A) Supporting economic vitality at the national and regional level;
- (B) Utilizing alternative funding sources and innovative financing models to attract non-Federal sources of infrastructure investment;
- (C) Accounting for the life-cycle costs of the project to promote the state of good repair;

(D) Using innovative approaches to improve safety and expedite project delivery; and

(E) Holding grant recipients accountable for their performance and achieving specific, measurable outcomes identified by grant applicants.

Prior to making an award, FTA is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information Systems (FAPIS) accessible through SAM. An applicant, may review and comment on information about itself that a Federal awarding agency previously entered.

The FTA Administrator will determine the final selection of projects for program funding. In determining the allocation of program funds, FTA may consider geographic diversity, diversity in the size of the transit systems receiving funding, the applicant's receipt of other competitive awards, projects located in or that support public transportation service in a qualified opportunity zone designated pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1, and the percentage of local share provided. Not less than 10 percent of the Buses and Bus Facilities Program funds will be distributed to projects in rural areas. In addition, FTA will not award more than 10 percent of the funds to a single grantee.

G. Federal Award Administration

1. Federal Award Notice

Final project selections will be posted on the FTA website. FTA will also publish a list of the selected projects, a summary of final scores for selected projects, Federal award amounts and recipients in the **Federal Register**. Selected recipients should contact their FTA regional offices for additional information regarding allocations for projects under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program.

At the time the project selections are announced, FTA will extend pre-award authority for the selected projects. There is no blanket pre-award authority for these projects before announcement.

2. Award Administration

Funds under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program are available to designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, state or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. There is no minimum or maximum grant award amount apart from the restriction that FTA will not award more than ten percent of the funds to a single grantee; however, FTA intends to fund as many meritorious

projects as possible. Only proposals from eligible recipients for eligible activities will be considered for funding. Due to funding limitations, proposals that are selected for funding may receive less than the amount originally requested. In those cases, applicants must be able to demonstrate that the proposed projects are still viable stand-alone projects that can be completed with the amount awarded.

3. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

a. Pre-Award Authority

The FTA will issue specific guidance to recipients regarding pre-award authority at the time of selection. The FTA does not provide pre-award authority for competitive funds until projects are selected and even then there are Federal requirements that must be met before costs are incurred. For more information about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the FY 2018 Apportionment Notice published on July 16, 2018 which can be accessed at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-16/pdf/2018-14989.pdf>.

b. Grant Requirements

If selected, awardees will apply for a grant through FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). Recipients of Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program funding in urban areas are subject to the grant requirements of the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant program, including those of FTA Circular 9030.1E. Recipients of funding in rural areas are subject to the grant requirements of the Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, including those of FTA Circular 9040.1G. All recipients must follow the Grants Management Requirements of FTA Circular 5010.1E, and the labor protections of 49 U.S.C. 5333(b). Technical assistance regarding these requirements is available from each FTA regional office.

c. Buy America

The FTA requires that all capital procurements meet FTA's Buy America requirements per 49 U.S.C. 5323(j), which require that all iron, steel, or manufactured products be produced in the United States, to help create and protect manufacturing jobs in the United States. The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program will have a significant economic impact toward meeting the objectives of the Buy America law. The FAST Act amended the Buy America requirements to provide for a phased increase in the

domestic content for rolling stock. For FY 2019, the cost of components and subcomponents produced in the United States must be more than 65 percent of the cost of all components. For FY 2020 and beyond, the cost of components and subcomponents produced in the United States must be more than 70 percent of the cost of all components. There is no change to the requirement that final assembly of rolling stock must occur in the United States. The Buy America requirements can be found in 49 CFR part 661 and additional guidance on the implementation of the phases increase in domestic content can be found at 81 FR 60278 (Sept. 1, 2016). Any proposal that will require a waiver must identify in the application the items for which a waiver will be sought. Applicants should not proceed with the expectation that waivers will be granted, nor should applicants assume that selection of a project under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program that includes a partnership with a manufacturer, vendor, consultant, or other third party constitutes a waiver of the Buy America requirements applicable at the time the project is undertaken. Consistent with Executive Order 13858 *Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects*, signed by President Trump on January 31, 2019, applicants should maximize the use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States, in Federal procurements and through the terms and conditions of Federal financial assistance awards.

d. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

FTA requires that its recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance that will award prime contracts exceeding \$250,000 in FTA funds comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program regulations at 49 CFR part 26. The rule requires that, prior to bidding on any FTA-assisted vehicle procurement, entities that manufacture vehicles or perform post-production alterations or retrofitting must submit a DBE Program plan and annual goal methodology to FTA. Further, to the extent that a vehicle remanufacturer is responding to a solicitation for new or remanufactured vehicles with a vehicle to which the remanufacturer has provided post-production alterations or retrofitting (e.g., replacing major components such as engine to provide a "like new" vehicle), the vehicle remanufacturer is considered a transit vehicle manufacturer and must also comply with the DBE regulations.

FTA will then issue a transit vehicle manufacturer (TVM) concurrence/

certification letter. Grant recipients must verify each entity's compliance with these requirements before accepting its bid. A list of compliant, certified TVMs is posted on FTA's web page at <https://www.fta.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/civil-rights-ada/eligible-tvms-list>. Please note that this list is nonexclusive and recipients must contact FTA before accepting bids from entities not listed on this Web posting. Recipients may also establish project-specific DBE goals for vehicle procurements. FTA will provide additional guidance as grants are awarded. For more information on DBE requirements, please contact Janelle Hinton, Office of Civil Rights, 202-366-9259, email: janelle.hinton@dot.gov.

e. Planning

FTA encourages applicants to notify the appropriate State Departments of Transportation and MPOs in areas likely to be served by the project funds made available under this program. Selected projects must be incorporated into the long-range plans and transportation improvement programs of States and metropolitan areas before they are eligible for FTA funding.

f. Standard Assurances

By submitting a grant application, the applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, directives, FTA circulars and other federal administrative requirements in carrying out any project supported by the FTA grant. Further, the applicant acknowledges that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement issued for its project with FTA. The applicant understands that Federal laws, regulations, policies and administrative practices might be modified from time to time and may affect the implementation of the project. The applicant agrees that the most recent Federal requirements will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise. The applicant must submit the Certifications and Assurances before receiving a grant, if it does not have current certifications on file.

g. Reporting

Post-award reporting requirements include the electronic submission of Federal Financial Reports and Milestone Progress Reports in FTA's electronic grants management system.

H. Technical Assistance and Other Program Information

This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." FTA will consider applications for funding only from eligible recipients for eligible projects listed in Section C. Complete applications must be submitted through *GRANTS.GOV* by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on June 21, 2019. For assistance with *GRANTS.GOV* please contact *GRANTS.GOV* by phone at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at support@grants.gov. Contact information for FTA's regional offices can be found on FTA's website at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices>.

I. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

For further information concerning this notice, please contact the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program manager, Mark Bathrick, via email at mark.bathrick@dot.gov or by phone at 202-366-9955. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 800-877-8339. In addition, FTA will post answers to questions and requests for clarifications on FTA's website at <http://transit.dot.gov/busprogram>. FTA staff will also conduct a webinar for potential applicants to learn more about the program and submittal process.

To ensure the receipt of accurate information about eligibility or the program, applicants with questions are encouraged to contact FTA directly, rather than through intermediaries or third parties.

K. Jane Williams,
Acting Administrator.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on June 7, 2019 on "Technology, Trade, and Military-Civil Fusion: China's Pursuit of Artificial Intelligence, New Materials, and New Energy."

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: TBD, Washington, DC. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check the Commission's website for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale Reagan, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at lreagan@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This is the fifth public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2019 report cycle. This hearing will examine China's development of artificial intelligence, new materials, and energy storage, renewable energy, and nuclear power. It will assess China's capabilities in producing and commercializing these technologies vis-à-vis the United States and its ambitions to export these technologies and shape their global governance in ways that disadvantage the United States. The hearing will also consider China's potential military application of these technologies and strategic implications for the United States. The hearing will be co-chaired by Vice Chairman Robin Cleveland and Commissioner Thea Lee. Any interested party may file a written statement by June 7, 2019 by mailing to the contact above. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: May 10, 2019.

Daniel W. Peck,

Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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Title: A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON NORTH PATRICK STREET (TRACT 8), JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A CITY SIDEWALK

Sponsors: Engineering

Indexes: Property purchase - real, Right-of-way

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Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - Tract 8.pdf](#)

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A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON NORTH PATRICK STREET (TRACT 8), JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A CITY SIDEWALK

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, desires to purchase the following described right-of-way for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a city sidewalk:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 07, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 07, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; THENCE NORTH 00°57'39" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 07, 793.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°40'39" WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, 24.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°40'39" WEST, 20.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°57'39" EAST, 530.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°55'11" EAST, 20.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°57'39" WEST, 531.06 FEET, CONTAINING 0.24 ACRES (10,619 SQ. FT.), MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

WHEREAS, an offer has been made and accepted to the sell the above described right-of-way for the price of \$12,000.00.

WHEREAS, the attached Offer and Acceptance will be executed upon passage of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from the Capital Improvement budget.

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

Section 1: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

**REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR CITY OF JONESBORO
OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE**

1. **BUYERS:** The Buyers, **CITY OF JONESBORO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** offer to buy, subject to the terms set forth herein, the following

2. **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 07, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 07, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; THENCE NORTH 00°57'39" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 07, 793.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°40'39" WEST, LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, 24.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°40'39" WEST, 20.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°57'39" EAST, 530.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°55'11" EAST, 20.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°57'39" WEST, 531.06 FEET, CONTAINING 0.24 ACRES (10,619 SQ. FT.), MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

3. **PURCHASE PRICE:** The Buyers will pay as total purchase price for said property, the sum of twelve thousand dollars (**\$12,000.00**).

4. **CONVEYANCE:** Conveyance shall be made to Buyers or as directed by Buyers, by Dedication Deed, except it shall be subject to recorded restrictions and easements, if any, which do not materially affect the value of the property. Unless expressly reserved herein, such conveyance shall include mineral rights owned by Seller.

5. **PRO-RATIONS:** Taxes and special assessments, and allowable expenses due on or before closing shall be paid at closing from the proceeds of the sale.

6. **CLOSING:** The closing date will be immediate upon receipt of purchase price. Closing cost to be paid by the buyer.

7. **POSSESSION:** Possession shall be delivered to Buyers: Upon Buyers Closing

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT WHEN SIGNED BY BOTH BUYER AND SELLER.

BUYER

CITY OF JONESBORO
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, AR

Name: _____

Title: Mayor

Date: _____

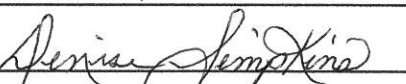
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City Clerk

SELLER

Name: 

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Name: 

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Title:	RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT THREE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 457(B) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST				
Sponsors:	Human Resources				
Indexes:	Employee benefits				
Code sections:					
Attachments:					

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT THREE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 457(B) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST
WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, a municipality of the State of Arkansas, (the “Employer”) has previously established the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Non-Uniformed Employees 457(b) Retirement Savings Plan and Trust (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Plan, the Employer, by appropriate action of the City Council, has the right at any time and from time to time to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to amend the Plan in order to allow monthly entry dates and allow participants to change deferral elections monthly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective as of July 1, 2019, the Plan is hereby amended as follows:

1. The definition of Entry Date described in Section 1.18 of the Plan is modified so as to now read as follows:
1.18 - Entry Date means the first day of each calendar month of the Plan Year; provided, however, prior to July 1, 2019, the Entry Date was January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each Plan Year.

2. The first two sentences of Section 3.03 of the Plan are modified so as to now read as follows: A Participant may elect to change the percentage of his or her Compensation contributed to the Plan, on a monthly basis, by submitting a new Deferred Compensation Agreement to the Plan Administrator. Such change shall be effective as of the first day of the calendar month immediately following the Plan Administrator's receipt of the properly completed Deferred Compensation Agreement.



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:076	Version:	1	Name:	ADOPT AMENDMENT TWO TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN
Type:	Resolution	Status:			To Be Introduced
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Title:	RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT TWO TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN				
Sponsors:	Human Resources				
Indexes:	Employee benefits				
Code sections:					
Attachments:					

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT TWO TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, NON-UNIFORMED 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, a municipality of the State of Arkansas, (the “Employer”) has previously established the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Non-Uniformed Employees 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Plan, the Employer, by appropriate action of the City Council, has the right at any time and from time to time to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow monthly entry into the Plan, the Employer desires to amend the Plan at this time in the manner set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective as of July 1, 2019, the Plan is hereby amended as follows:

- The first sentence of Section 3.2(a) of the Plan is hereby amended so as to now read as follows:

An Eligible Employee shall become a Participant effective as of the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date that he or she meets the eligibility requirements of Section 3.1; provided, however, prior to July 1, 2019, Eligible Employees became Participants in the Plan effective as of the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date that the

requirements of Section 3.1 were met.



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:077	Version:	1	Name:	CONTRACT WITH SUDDENLINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK
Type:	Resolution	Status:		Status:	To Be Introduced
File created:	6/5/2019	In control:		In control:	Finance & Administration Council Committee
On agenda:		Final action:		Final action:	
Title:	A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SUDDENLINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK				
Sponsors:	Parks & Recreation, Finance				
Indexes:	Contract				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	SuddenLink18.pdf				

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A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SUDDENLINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, owns and maintains Joe Mack Campbell Park, located at 3021 Dan Avenue;

WHEREAS, Suddenlink Communications is seeking sponsorship recognition on a soccer field at Joe Mack Campbell Park;

WHEREAS, Suddenlink Communications is sponsoring the field for the sum of \$12,500 for a period of 5 years;

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas shall contract with Suddenlink Communications for the sponsorship of a field at Joe Mack Campbell Park. A copy of said contract is attached as "Exhibit A."

SECTION 2: The Mayor, Harold Perrin, and City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement.

EXHIBIT A

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD LOCATED AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

This Agreement is made by and between **SuddenLink** (SPONSOR) and the CITY OF JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ("CITY"), on this **15th** Day of **October, 2018** (the "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, the CITY is the owner of that certain public park amenities known as the "Joe Mack Campbell Park", and hereafter referred to as the "Facilities"; and

WHEREAS, SPONSOR and the CITY desire to enter this agreement for the purpose of evidencing the agreement of the parties with regard to sponsorship of the Facilities by SPONSOR and the respective obligations of the parties regarding the sponsorship and maintenance of the Facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the promises and the reciprocated covenants and obligations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

I. Term

- (a) The term of this Agreement is for a period of five (5) years commencing on the Effective Date and ending at midnight on the **31st of December, 2023**.

II. Sponsorship of Facilities

- 1) It is agreed between the parties hereto, in return for the covenants and conditions set forth herein that the SPONSOR'S name shall be put on a sign to be erected on a designated athletic field (Baseball Field #5) at the FACILITY. The designated field, once SPONSOR enters into the Agreement, shall be known thereafter by the name to be designated by the SPONSOR and said sign and name shall remain for a period of **five years**.
- 2) It is agreed between the parties that the SPONSOR shall pay over a period of **5** years for the erected sign and sponsorship the total sum of **\$12,500**.
A sum of **\$2,500** shall be paid on **January 10, 2019**.
A sum of **\$2,500** shall be paid on **January 10, 2020**.
A sum of **\$2,500** shall be paid on **January 10, 2021**.

A sum of **\$2,500** shall be paid on **January 10, 2022.**

A sum of **\$2,500** shall be paid on **January 10, 2023.**

- 3) It is agreed between the CITY and the SPONSOR that the SPONSOR shall have an option to renew this agreement for an additional five years.
- 4) It is agreed between the CITY and the SPONSOR that this sponsorship is non-assignable without prior written approval of the CITY. It is also agreed that the CITY reserves the right to remove SPONSOR'S sign and obtain a new sponsor for designated field in the event of failure of payment on the part of the SPONSOR.
- 5) It is agreed between the parties that the CITY will furnish a 5' x 10' sign to be erected for SPONSOR'S designated field. However, it shall be the responsibility of SPONSOR to bear any expense made to said sign should changes be requested during the term of this agreement.
- 6) It is agreed by CITY and the SPONSOR that the SPONSOR shall not be responsible for the maintenance or upkeep on sponsored field and SPONSOR shall not be responsible with regards to any liability actions which may be brought against the CITY resulting from accidents which might occur on sponsored field.

III. Assign ability and Exclusivity

This Agreement is a privilege for the benefit of SPONSOR only and may not be assigned in whole or in part by SPONSOR to any other person or entity.

X. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 1) No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is made in writing and is signed by the authorized representative's of the parties hereto.
- 2) This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and venue for any litigation concerning this Agreement shall be in Craighead County, Jonesboro, AR.
- 3) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make the CITY or its respective agents or representatives liable in situations it is otherwise immune from liability.
- 4) In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity,

illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

- 5) Each party represents to the other that the individual signing this Agreement below has been duly authorized to do so by its respective governing body and that this Agreement is binding and enforceable as to each party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year set forth below.

SUDDENLINK

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

CITY OF JONESBORO

By: _____
Name: Harold Perrin
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST

Donna Jackson, City Clerk, CMC



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:078	Version:	1	Name:	CONTRACT WITH PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE BASEBALL FIELD SIGN AND ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX
Type:	Resolution	Status:		Status:	To Be Introduced
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On agenda:		Final action:		Final action:	
Title:	A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE BASEBALL FIELD SIGN AND ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX				
Sponsors:	Parks & Recreation, Finance				
Indexes:	Contract				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	PIAS_Softball_2019.pdf				

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A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE BASEBALL FIELD SIGN AND ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, owns and maintains the Southside Softball Complex, located at 5003 South Stadium Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401; and

WHEREAS, Play It Again Sports is seeking sponsorship recognition on one baseball field sign and one athletic field sign at the Southside Softball Complex; and

WHEREAS, Play It Again Sports is sponsoring the baseball field sign and athletic field sign for the sum of \$1,500 per year for a period of five (5) years.

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall contract with Play It Again Sports for the sponsorship of one baseball field sign and one athletic field sign at the Southside Softball Complex. A copy of said contract is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2; The Mayor, Harold Perrin, and City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all document necessary to effectuate said agreement.

EXHIBIT A

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD LOCATED AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

This Agreement is made by and between **Play It Again Sports - Jonesboro** (SPONSOR) and the CITY OF JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ("CITY"), on this **23rd** Day of **May, 2019** (the "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, the CITY is the owner of that certain public park amenities known as the "Southside Softball Complex", and hereafter referred to as the "Facilities"; and

WHEREAS, SPONSOR and the CITY desire to enter this agreement for the purpose of evidencing the agreement of the parties with regard to sponsorship of the Facilities by SPONSOR and the respective obligations of the parties regarding the sponsorship and maintenance of the Facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the promises and the reciprocated covenants and obligations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

I. Term

- (a) The term of this Agreement is for a period of five (5) years commencing on the Effective Date and ending at midnight on the **31st of June, 2024**.

II. Sponsorship of Facilities

- 1) It is agreed between the parties hereto, in return for the covenants and conditions set forth herein that the SPONSOR'S name shall be put on a sign to be erected on a designated athletic field (Softball Field #6) at the FACILITY. The designated field, once SPONSOR enters into the Agreement, shall be known thereafter by the name to be designated by the SPONSOR and said sign and name shall remain for a period of **five years**.
- 2) It is agreed between the parties that the SPONSOR shall pay over a period of **5** years for the erected sign and sponsorship the total sum of **\$7,500**.
 - A sum of **\$1,500** shall be paid on **July 1, 2019**
 - A sum of **\$1,500** shall be paid on **July 1, 2020**
 - A sum of **\$1,500** shall be paid on **July 1, 2021**
 - A sum of **\$1,500** shall be paid on **July 1, 2022**
 - A sum of **\$1,500** shall be paid on **July 1, 2023**

- 3) It is agreed between the CITY and the SPONSOR that the SPONSOR shall have an option to renew this agreement for an additional five years.
- 4) It is agreed between the CITY and the SPONSOR that this sponsorship is non-assignable without prior written approval of the CITY. It is also agreed that the CITY reserves the right to remove SPONSOR'S sign and obtain a new sponsor for designated field in the event of failure of payment on the part of the SPONSOR.
- 5) It is agreed between the parties that the CITY will furnish a 2.5' x 14' sign to be erected for SPONSOR'S designated field. However, it shall be the responsibility of SPONSOR to bear any expense made to said sign should changes be requested during the term of this agreement.
- 6) It is agreed by CITY and the SPONSOR that the SPONSOR shall not be responsible for the maintenance or upkeep on sponsored field and SPONSOR shall not be responsible with regards to any liability actions which may be brought against the CITY resulting from accidents which might occur on sponsored field.

III. Assign ability and Exclusivity

This Agreement is a privilege for the benefit of SPONSOR only and may not be assigned in whole or in part by SPONSOR to any other person or entity.

X. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 1) No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is made in writing and is signed by the authorized representative's of the parties hereto.
- 2) This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and venue for any litigation concerning this Agreement shall be in Craighead County, Jonesboro, AR.
- 3) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make the CITY or its respective agents or representatives liable in situations it is otherwise immune from liability.
- 4) In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

- 5) Each party represents to the other that the individual signing this Agreement below has been duly authorized to do so by its respective governing body and that this Agreement is binding and enforceable as to each party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year set forth below.

PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS - JONESBORO

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

CITY OF JONESBORO

By: _____
Name: Harold Perrin
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST

Print Name



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:079	Version:	1	Name:	CONTRACT WITH LOST PIZZA COMPANY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX
Type:	Resolution	Status:			To Be Introduced
File created:	6/5/2019	In control:			Finance & Administration Council Committee
On agenda:		Final action:			
Title:	A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH LOST PIZZA COMPANY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX				
Sponsors:	Parks & Recreation, Human Resources				
Indexes:	Contract				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	LostPizzaCo19.pdf				

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A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH LOST PIZZA COMPANY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro owns and maintains the Southside Softball Complex located at 5003 South Stadium Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401; and

WHEREAS, Lost Pizza Company is seeking sponsorship recognition on one athletic field sign at the Southside Softball Complex; and

WHEREAS, Lost Pizza Company is sponsoring the concession stand sign for the sum of \$7,500 over a period of 5 years.

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall contract with Lost Pizza Company for the sponsorship of one athletic field sign at the Southside Softball Complex. A copy of said contract is attached as Exhibit A.

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

EXHIBIT A

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD LOCATED AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

This Agreement is made by and between **Lost Pizza Co.** (SPONSOR) and the CITY OF JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ("CITY"), on this **23rd** Day of **May, 2019** (the "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, the CITY is the owner of that certain public park amenities known as the "Southside Softball Complex", and hereafter referred to as the "Facilities"; and

WHEREAS, SPONSOR and the CITY desire to enter this agreement for the purpose of evidencing the agreement of the parties with regard to sponsorship of the Facilities by SPONSOR and the respective obligations of the parties regarding the sponsorship and maintenance of the Facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the promises and the reciprocated covenants and obligations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

I. Term

- (a) The term of this Agreement is for a period of five (5) years commencing on the Effective Date and ending at midnight on the **31st of June, 2024**.

II. Sponsorship of Facilities

- 1) It is agreed between the parties hereto, in return for the covenants and conditions set forth herein that the SPONSOR'S name shall be put on a sign to be erected on a designated athletic field (Softball Field #5) at the FACILITY. The designated field, once SPONSOR enters into the Agreement, shall be known thereafter by the name to be designated by the SPONSOR and said sign and name shall remain for a period of **five years**.
- 2) It is agreed between the parties that the SPONSOR shall pay over a period of **5** years for the erected sign and sponsorship the total sum of **\$7,500**.
 - A sum of **\$500** shall be paid on **July 1, October 1, 2019** and **February 1, 2020**
 - A sum of **\$500** shall be paid on **July 1, October 1, 2020** and **February 1, 2021**
 - A sum of **\$500** shall be paid on **July 1, October 1, 2021** and **February 1, 2022**
 - A sum of **\$500** shall be paid on **July 1, October 1, 2022** and **February 1, 2023**
 - A sum of **\$500** shall be paid on **July 1, October 1, 2023** and **February 1, 2024**

- 3) It is agreed between the CITY and the SPONSOR that the SPONSOR shall have an option to renew this agreement for an additional five years.
- 4) It is agreed between the CITY and the SPONSOR that this sponsorship is non-assignable without prior written approval of the CITY. It is also agreed that the CITY reserves the right to remove SPONSOR'S sign and obtain a new sponsor for designated field in the event of failure of payment on the part of the SPONSOR.
- 5) It is agreed between the parties that the CITY will furnish a 2.5' x 14' sign to be erected for SPONSOR'S designated field. However, it shall be the responsibility of SPONSOR to bear any expense made to said sign should changes be requested during the term of this agreement.
- 6) It is agreed by CITY and the SPONSOR that the SPONSOR shall not be responsible for the maintenance or upkeep on sponsored field and SPONSOR shall not be responsible with regards to any liability actions which may be brought against the CITY resulting from accidents which might occur on sponsored field.

III. Assign ability and Exclusivity

This Agreement is a privilege for the benefit of SPONSOR only and may not be assigned in whole or in part by SPONSOR to any other person or entity.

X. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 1) No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is made in writing and is signed by the authorized representative's of the parties hereto.
- 2) This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and venue for any litigation concerning this Agreement shall be in Craighead County, Jonesboro, AR.
- 3) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make the CITY or its respective agents or representatives liable in situations it is otherwise immune from liability.
- 4) In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

- 5) Each party represents to the other that the individual signing this Agreement below has been duly authorized to do so by its respective governing body and that this Agreement is binding and enforceable as to each party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year set forth below.

LOST PIZZA COMPANY

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

CITY OF JONESBORO

By: _____
Name: Harold Perrin
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST

Print Name



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:080	Version:	1	Name:	CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX
Type:	Resolution	Status:		Status:	To Be Introduced
File created:	6/5/2019	In control:		In control:	Finance & Administration Council Committee
On agenda:		Final action:		Final action:	
Title:	A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX				
Sponsors:	Parks & Recreation, Finance				
Indexes:	Contract				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	JULY 4TH 2019 EAB.pdf				

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A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro owns and maintains Joe Mack Campbell Sports Complex located at 3021 Dan Avenue;

WHEREAS, East Arkansas Broadcasters is seeking rental for Fourth of July fireworks at Joe Mack Campbell Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS East Arkansas Broadcasters is renting the complex for the sum of \$1,000.00;

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall contract with East Arkansas Broadcasters for the rental of Joe Mack Campbell Sports Complex. A copy of said contract is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: The Mayor, Harold Perrin, and the City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement.

RENTAL AGREEMENT

This agreement made this 31st day of May, 2019, is between City of Jonesboro, hereinafter called Lessor and East Arkansas Broadcasters hereinafter called Lessee.

Lessor leases to Lessee, property at 3021 Dan Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas commonly known as Joe Mack Campbell Park in Jonesboro, Arkansas in the following conditions:

1. **TERM:** The term of this lease shall be for three (3) days, beginning July 2, 2019, and ending at midnight on July 4, 2019.
2. **RENT:** Rent is payable in advance, no later than June 30, 2019 and shall be made in a single payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Said payment shall be delivered to the Lessor at 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401.
3. **USE:** Lessee agrees to use said premises for the purpose of a July 4th Fireworks Display, and for no other purpose.
4. **SUBLET:** Lessee **may-not** sublet the property or assign this lease without written consent of lessor.
5. **USE:** The property shall be used for a July 4th Fireworks Display. Lessee shall be responsible for the following:
 - (a) Supplying and removing portable toilets to be placed on the premises for the use of the public during the activities on the property.
 - (b) Cleaning up the property following the event, to include trash pick-up and repair of any damages caused by the public or the Lessee to the property during their use. Property must be left in the same condition as it was in prior to the event hosted by the lessee.
 - (c) Lessee is responsible for providing for the smooth flow of traffic into and out of the event. In addition, Lessee will provide traffic control to ensure that no persons are parking in areas on the property which are restricted and not designed of parking vehicles.
 - (d) Lessee will barricade restricted access areas to prevent the public from entering.
 - (e) Lessee will coordinate with Fire and Police and follow all safety requirements determined by them.
 - (f) Lessee will not charge an admission or parking fee to the public of this event.
6. **CONCESSIONS:** The parties agree that the Lessor will open and operate a concession stand(s) during this event for the public. All monies made at the concession stand will go to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.
7. **RISK OF LOSS:** Lessee shall be solely responsible for losses including but not limited to any losses caused by fire on the premises during the rental period. In addition, Lessee shall be responsible for any damages caused by the public to the premises during the rental period. Lessee shall be required to maintain insurance to cover any losses caused by fire, damage, or otherwise to existing structures or to the premises as a whole.

8. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Lessee releases Lessor from liability for and agrees to indemnify lessor against all losses incurred by lessor as a result of:
- (a) Lessee's failure to fulfill any condition of this agreement;
 - (b) Any damage or injury happening in or about the house or premises to lessee's invitees or licensees or such person's property; and
 - (c) Lessee's failure to comply with any requirements imposed by any governmental authority.
9. **FAILURE OF LESSOR TO ACT:** Failure of lessor to insist upon strict compliance with the terms of this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of lessor's right to act on any violation.
10. **REMEDIES CUMULATIVE:** All remedies under this agreement or by law or equity shall be cumulative. If a suit for any breach of this agreement established a breach by lessee, lessee shall pay to lessor all expenses incurred in connection therewith.
11. **NOTICES:** Any notices required by this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given if delivered personally or mailed by registered or certified mail.
12. **COMPLIANCES WITH LAW:** Lessee agrees not to violate any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any governmental authority having jurisdiction of the leased premises. There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises.
13. **SEVERABILITY:** Each paragraph of this lease agreement is severable from all other paragraphs. In the event any court of competent jurisdiction determines that any paragraph or sub-paragraph is invalid or unenforceable for any reason, all remaining paragraphs and subparagraphs will remain in full force and effect.
14. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This agreement and any attached addendum constitute the entire agreement and any attached addendum constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no oral statements shall be binding.
15. **INTERPRETATION:** This lease agreement shall be interpreted according to and enforced under the laws of the State of Arkansas.
16. **RELATIONSHIP:** Lessor and Lessee agree that their relationship is that of independent contractors and not a partnership of joint venture.

 Lessee, East Arkansas Broadcasters Signature

 Date

 Lessor, City of Jonesboro Signature

 Date

 Attest Signature

 Date



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:081	Version:	1	Name:	APPROVE THE 2019 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET
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Sponsors:	Grants, Finance				
Indexes:	Grant				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	Assurances_SF-424-D.pdf Certifications.docx HUD Notice of Allocation_2019 CDBG.pdf 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan.pdf Application for Federal Assistance SF424.pdf				

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A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPROVE THE 2019 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, has held two public hearings and one public comment period for the Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Annual Action Plan is in the third year of the (2017 - 2021) Five-Year Consolidated Plan designed to address goals set for community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan contains the FY2019 Community Development Block Grant projects, activities and budget for allocated Federal funds of \$604,085. The 2019 Action Plan's budget has been listed below:

1.	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance (may include sewer connection)	\$71,357
2.	Homeownership Assistance	\$21,000
3.	Demolition & Clearance Assistance	\$15,000
4.	Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$60,000
5.	HSP: Transitional Housing for Veterans (Veterans Village)	\$80,000
6.	PI: Patrick Street Sidewalks	\$110,000
7.	PF: The Learning Center - Natural Park Project	\$20,000
8.	PS: Hispanic Community Services, Inc.	\$20,000
9.	PS: West End Neighborhood Association	\$15,911
10.	PS: HUB Homeless Resource Center, Inc.	\$20,000

11.	Microenterprise Business Accelerator (MBA)	\$50,000
12.	CDBG Program Planning & Administration	\$120,817

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

SECTION 1: The 2019 Action Plan, attached hereto is hereby approved by the City Council

SECTION 2: The 2019 CDBG Projects, Activities and Budget are hereby approved for the Action Plan

SECTION 3: The Mayor, Harold Perrin, and City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Action Plan.

SECTION 4: The City of Jonesboro Grants and Community Development department is hereby directed to submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by August 16, 2019 through IDIS-eConPlanning Suite.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles 11 and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction sub-agreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-1 33, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Jonesboro	DATE SUBMITTED



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

April 15, 2019

The Honorable Harold Perrin
 Mayor of Jonesboro
 300 S Church Street
 Jonesboro, AR 72401-2911

Dear Mayor Perrin,

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. President Trump signed Public Law 116-6 on February 15, 2019, which includes FY 2019 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2019 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$604,085
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 0
Housing Trust Fund (HTF)	\$ 0

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. We remind grantees that CPD seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Additionally, several of these CPD funding sources may serve as important resources to leverage investments in any designated Opportunity Zones in your jurisdiction. Created by the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act, the Opportunity Zone program will stimulate private investment in designated, low-income census tracts nationwide. CPD will publish further guidance on how funding available through the formula grant programs can be deployed to leverage Opportunity Zone financing.

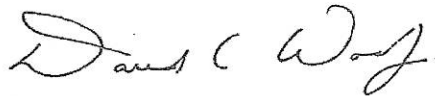
Based on the demographic requirements of designated Opportunity Zones, it is possible that your jurisdiction could use CDBG and Section 108 Guaranteed Loan Program funds to invest in infrastructure, assist existing businesses, or provide gap financing sources for real estate projects in these zones. Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$3,020,425 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally-guaranteed, this

program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

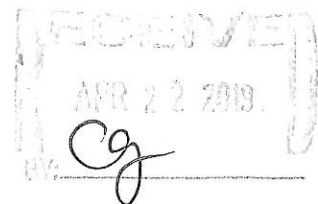
HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all of its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensuring grantees are complying with program requirements and policies, providing demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a community's activities, and allowing HUD to monitor grantees. Your ongoing attention to ensuring complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,



David C. Woll, Jr.
Assistant Secretary (Acting)



City of Jonesboro Arkansas



Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant

2019 Program Year

(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

Department of Grants & Community Development
300 South Church Street, Suite 402
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program allocates annual funds to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas. The CDBG Program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The purpose of the program is to provide funding for grantees to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities benefitting for low- and moderate-income persons within city limits of Jonesboro. CDBG eligible activities must address one of the following three National Objectives:

- Benefit to low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons or households;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (urgent need).

City of Jonesboro, as grantee, carry out a wide range of community development activities, such as, housing, economic development, and public services within the following programs:

- Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program;
- Homeownership Assistance Program;
- Demolition & Clearance Assistance Program;
- Public Services Program;
- Public Facilities and Improvements Program;
- Microenterprise Business Accelerator (MBA) Program; and
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program;

Designed to set goals that address community needs, the City of Jonesboro 2019 Annual Action Plan is an addition to 2017 – 2021 (Five-Year) Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan is the third annual report with descriptions and action items for specific activities that meet the goals outlined in the original Consolidated Plan.

As the lead agency for the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan, the City of Jonesboro Department of Grants and Community Development follows a citizen participation plan to include citizens, City departments, CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee, non-profits, and other public and private entities to contribute in the development of the Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Jonesboro Department of Grants and Community Development with the citizens' participation process have identified objectives and outcomes to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities benefitting for low- and moderate-income persons within city limits of Jonesboro.

Based on the survey responses during the public hearings, citizens were asked to ranked these community needs: homelessness; economic development; code enforcement; housing; infrastructure; and clearance. Most citizens ranked housing as being a high need for City of Jonesboro to focus on, following with infrastructure and code enforcement needs. Homelessness was the second highest ranked need. These surveys were taken into consideration to identify objectives and outcomes for the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Jonesboro has continued addressing housing services and has been one of the priorities for the Grants and Community Development Department. Providing low-and moderate-income persons with decent housing and a suitable living environment is a continuing effort. Homeownership and Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance, and other activities funded have been instrumental to enable the City to address issues that homeowners encounter by living in substandard conditions. The partnership with Mid-South Health Systems (MSHS) is a great example addressing the City's goals of providing decent housing and a suitable living environment. In the past, MSHS has been awarded funds to rehabilitate their Transitional Group Homes to improve the quality of living conditions for individuals suffering mental illnesses and otherwise may be or become homeless without these services. For FY2018, the City allocated over \$165,000 in housing assistance programs.

Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) were allocated this past program year to establish a new economic development pilot program for Microenterprise Business Accelerator (MBA). The MBA Program provided funding to four microenterprises/start-up businesses to facilitate and

assist with rental and utility cost of their business, and or payroll assistance for positions being retained or created to employ LMI persons.

The prevention and/or elimination of homelessness keeps being another priority for the jurisdiction. The Transitional Housing for Veterans - Veteran Village project continues to proceed. Recently, the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) awarded the City of Jonesboro \$1,058,925 from the National Housing Trust Fund Program to construct the transitional housing for veterans. CDBG funds will be leveraged for this much anticipated and needed project in the city.

Furthermore, the jurisdiction has continued forming partnerships with other entities to work together to have a more significant impact in community needs being addressed.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The jurisdiction follows the citizen participation plan to include citizens, City departments, non-profits, and other public and private entities to contribute in the development of the Plan. The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee and the Grants and Community Development Department staff are involved in the decision-making for funds allocation. Citizens have the opportunity to provide input and to become informed throughout the planning process by participating in public hearings and public review and comment period, all advertised in local newspaper and City website.

On December 12, 2018 the *Notice of Funding Availability* and *Notice of Request for Proposal* was published in the local newspaper. The *Notice of Public Hearing* was advertised on December 19, 2018 for two separate hearing held on January 9, 2019. The two public hearings were at two different locations and times most convenient to citizens to encourage participation. The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on January 31, 2019 to review and score the proposals submitted. At this meeting, the CAC also identified objectives for the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

To fulfill the public comment and review period for the Action Plan Draft, the City published the *Notice of 30 Days Public Review and Comment Period* advertisement in the local newspaper and City website on March 14, 2019. A copy of the plan was available in the office for review. The last day for the public to submit comments was April 15, 2019. No requests to review the AP draft or comments were received.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Through the newspaper advertisement, the website, and City social media the public where given the opportunity for a 30-days public review and comment period for the 2019 Action Plan Draft. There were no comments or concerns submitted or brought up to the department.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Not applicable. No comments or review requests received.

7. Summary

Not applicable.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	JONESBORO	Grants and Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Jonesboro Department of Grants and Community Development is the lead agency assigned to administrate, implement and oversee the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded programs and activities. The staff are responsible of preparing the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan with the input and collaboration with citizens, public and private entities.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Jonesboro recognizes that collaborating with citizens, public and private entities is vital for the advancement of the community. The Grants and Community Development Department administers the Community Development Block Grant and continuously form partnerships with organizations to provide input on their field of expertise to better assist the department in developing the Plan.

During the planning process for the 2019 Annual Action Plan, the City consulted with the community, City departments, public and private organizations. Collaborated and consulted with the Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority (JURHA), Crowley's Ridge Development Council (CRDC), Department of Human Services, Beck Pride Center, United Way of Northeast Arkansas, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Jonesboro, BancorpSouth, and many other organizations and agencies.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The jurisdiction receives input from City departments, Citizens Advisory Committee, public and private organizations, and federal and state agencies to coordinate community development and housing services. Coordination between entities include strategizing, communicating, and serving on committees and boards.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City was involved with planning and strategizing of the Homelessness Task Force Coalition in 2016 and 2017. A member of the Arkansas Balance of State, collaborate with Jonesboro Housing Authority (JURHA) was crucial. The City received the Continuum of Care grant in 2017 and the program delivery was between 2017 and 2018. The jurisdiction did not apply for the grant during the upcoming program year. Nonetheless, the City maintains its goal of addressing the needs of homeless persons.

During the planning process, the jurisdiction reached out to JURHA, Mid-South Health Systems, Goodwill Industries, the Northeast Arkansas Regional Transportation Planning Commission

(N.A.R.T.C.P), East Arkansas Planning and Development District EAPDD), Craighead County Veterans Services, Crowley's Ridge Development Council (CRDC), Hispanic Community Services, Inc. (HCSI), and other non-profit organizations, church outreach ministries, community groups and neighborhood associations.

The City participates in the annual Point in Time Count (PIT); collaborates with its partners to serve the homeless populations and at-risk of becoming homeless. The PIT count this year was on January 22, and data collected from Craighead, Greene, and Poinsett counties. A total of 17 participating organizations and agencies within the three counties reported 168 homeless individuals during the PIT count. The school districts in those counties reported 906 homeless.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Jonesboro planning process is a 12-month process that solicits and accepts citizens' input throughout the year. Information and data are collected from federally mandated public hearings; including CDBG, AFH hearings, community meetings and listening sessions. This process has enhanced the avenues for sharing data and gaining a better understanding of how we can coordinate our efforts to improve the lives of low- and moderate-income citizens. Additionally, social service agencies and other entities were also invited to the table during the planning process as well as throughout the year. This year-long listening process has proven to be successful in gaining input from a cross-section of the community and service providers.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Jonesboro Urban Housing Renewal
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority (JURHA) is the jurisdiction's partner on the development of the AFH Plan in 2017. They provided the public housing needs, housing choice vouchers data and assisted in the public hearings. In addition to the AFH partnership, JURHA has representation on the Homeless Taskforce since its inception.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	East Arkansas Planning & Development District, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	EAPDD has developed through a Housing Sustainability and Economic Development Plan in 2014 for 12 counties in Northeast Arkansas. This plan was made possible through the HUD Sustainability and Economic Growth Program and the City was an active participant in their study for housing stock and economic conditions.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Transportation Planning
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Jonesboro has consulted over the last three years regarding transportation planning for the City and County jurisdictions.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Jonesboro Economical Transportation System
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Transit Organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Transportation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	JET has been involved in the transportation needs for our low-and moderate-income populations as well the homelessness programs of the jurisdiction.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Not applicable - None known.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	City of Jonesboro	This plan overlaps the Consolidated and Action Plans through ensuring affordable and decent housing is available for the homeless to become independent and integrated into the community. In addition, transportation planning and implementation was the second goal that was part of both programs for the jurisdiction.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The citizen participation process began with advertising the *Notice of Funding Availability* and *Notice of Request for Proposal* in the local newspaper and City website on December 12, 2018. With the notice of funding availability, citizens get informed of available funding for housing programs, such as rehabilitation, demolition, and homeownership assistance. The RFP notice, which is directed to nonprofit organizations that may be interested in applying for the upcoming program year, proposals were due January 14, 2019. The *Notice of Public Hearing* advertised in the local newspaper, flyers were posted on City's social media and website on December 19, 2018 and multiple times before the two separate hearing on January 9, 2019. The public hearings were held before the deadline to submit proposals with the intent for potential nonprofit applicants to attend the meeting. During the public hearing, attendees learnt about the CDBG Program and its process, FY2018 funding and allocations to projects and activities, a summary of what was achieved with the funding, and goals set for FY2019 Action Plan. The citizens that attended the hearing completed a short survey identifying priority areas of community needs within the six categories provided (homelessness, economic development, code enforcement, housing, infrastructure, and clearance/demolition needs).

The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on January 31, 2019 to review and score the proposals submitted. At this meeting, the CAC were presented a short workshop discussing results from public hearing that identified objectives for the 2019 Annual Action Plan. The committee was able to provide their input on the results of the surveys and ideas of how to achieve it.

On March 14, 2019, advertisement for *Notice of 30 Days Public Review and Comment Period* for the 2019 Annual Action Plan was published on the Jonesboro Newspaper. The last day for the public to submit comments was April 15, 2019. No requests to review the AP draft or comments were received.

The jurisdiction utilizes newspapers, printed material, website and social media to reach out to the community to encourage citizen participation. The Citizen Advisory Committee is notified for upcoming activities to encourage involvement.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Non-Profit Organization	Non-profit organizations accessed application (RFP) on City website. Four (4) organizations submitted proposals for projects servicing LMI persons.	No public comment received.	Not applicable, no public comments received.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Citizens, Citizens Advisory Committee members, and non-profit organizations attended on January 9, 2019 two separate meetings.	Dept. staff made presentation of all activities and organizations proposals accepted. Attendees filled out a short survey identifying priority community needs.	15 individuals attended the public hearings. Only 12 surveys were completed and were they identified the community needs as priority: 4/12 identified Housing and 6/12 identified Code Enforcement and Infrastructure as priority needs, and the second highest (those ranks second or 5) identified Homelessness needs.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	2019 Annual Action Plan draft displayed for review and open for 30 days public comment period.	No comments received during public comment period.	No comments received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Facilities Public Services	604,085	0	0	604,085	\$525,066.78	Annual allocation amount is \$604,085

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

FY2019 will be the third year of the Consolidated Plan. The City will continue to utilize the CDBG funds for the improvement of the community with infrastructure projects, assisting LMI citizens with housing assistance, and funding nonprofit and business to

promote sustainability.

In effort to increase the positive impact CDBG funds, the jurisdiction leverage CDBG funds with additional state and local funds. This program year, an additional \$110,000 CDBG funds are leveraged with the City's budget for Patrick St. Sidewalks of approximately \$540,000 and including \$110,000 CDBG funds from FY2018 that will significantly increase the coverage area for this project.

Additionally, the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) awarded the City of Jonesboro \$1,058,925 from the National Housing Trust Fund Program to construct the transitional housing for veterans (Veteran Village), the grant will construct the housing units, however, the "community center"—common recreational space and offices for resource personnel is not included. In FY2018, \$50,000 in CDBG funds were allocated for equipping the community center in the village, an additional \$80,000 in FY2019 were allocated to assist with the construction of the community center.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not Applicable.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	AFH: Establish a City Land Bank	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range	CDBG: \$0,000	Homeowner Housing Added: Acquire properties in dilapidated – slum/blighted areas to demolish and redevelop housing, and/or rehabilitate housing for LMI citizens to purchase. Facilitating affordable housing.
2	AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled	2017	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH Factor: Lack of Public Investment - Transit AFH: Access to Transportation for Persons AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings	CDBG: \$110,000	Public Improvement: Funding for Patrick St. sidewalks to increase accessibility in LMI area.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Create Attractive Neighborhood-Livability	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro North Jonesboro - Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public	CDBG: \$85,937 + \$15,000	Housing services: Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance to LMI homeowner-occupied. Approximately 20 homeowners will benefit from the grant; additionally it helps improve their quality of life. Demolition and Clearance Assistance to LMI homeowner, approximately 5 homeowners will benefit from the grant. Or LMI neighborhoods to prevent/eliminate slum and blight.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Jonesboro North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Lack of Private Investments AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public	CDBG: \$20,000	Public Facility Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 155 children diagnosed with mental and physical disabilities will benefit from the Natural Park Project where they will have access to a new environment.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	AFH: Improvement of Public Transit	2017	2021	Public Housing Transportation	Jonesboro North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH Factor: Lack of Public Investment - Transit AFH: Access to Transportation for Persons AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings	CDBG: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted in transportation through JETS.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	AFH: Establish a Citizen Fair Housing Board	2017	2018	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	Jonesboro North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Community Opposition AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing	CDBG: \$0	Citizens Fair Housing Advisory Board established March 20, 2018 with 8 members. The members have received training and created a partnership with the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. This fiscal year the board will meet to determine their role with the community and establish procedures.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	AFH: Increase Fair Housing Knowledge	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Jonesboro North Jonesboro - Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH Factor: Lack of Public Investment - Transit AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Lack of Private Investments AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public	CDBG: \$0	Citizens Fair Housing Advisory Board established March 20, 2018 with 8 members. The members have received training and created a partnership with the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. This fiscal year the board will meet to determine their role with the community and establish procedures.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	AFH: Increase Awareness & Enforcement	2017	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Community Opposition AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Private Discrimination AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing	CDBG: \$0	Citizens Fair Housing Advisory Board established March 20, 2018 with 8 members. The members have received training and created a partnership with the Arkansas Fair Housing Advisory Board. This fiscal year the board will meet to determine their role with the community and establish procedures.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	AFH: Increase Acceptability of Housing Choice	2017	2021	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	AFH: Lack of Private Investments AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Private Discrimination AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing	CDBG: \$21,000	Homeownership Assistance will benefit 6 LMI First-time homebuyers with down payment/closing cost assistance.

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
10	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless	2017	2021	Homeless	Jonesboro	AFH Factor: Lack of Public Investment - Transit AFH: Availability, type, frequency & reliability AFH: Lack of Private Investments AFH: Private Discrimination AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public	CDBG: \$80,000	Homeless Prevention for Transition Housing for Veterans (Veteran Village) will benefit approximately 200 individuals and households to have access to housing and services.

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AFH: Establish a City Land Bank
	Goal Description	City Land Bank for vacant lots and donated property for the repurpose of property into affordable residential housing, this will provide low-income households to become homeowners.
2	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled
	Goal Description	Opportunities and accessibility issues for individual with disabilities goes to the heart of fair housing issues for these residents. Individuals with disabilities without transportation and other key public infrastructures can cause limited housing opportunities to exist throughout the city.
3	Goal Name	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Goal Description	This goal will specifically target the slums and blight elimination in the low-income neighborhoods. In addition, it addresses park and recreational centers improvements, provide public services for low-income individuals and encourages employment programs for those identified areas.
4	Goal Name	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy
	Goal Description	Fair housing is not only about housing, but also about ensuring all residents have a great quality of life. The development of revitalization strategies will allow all residents to provide input into the vision of the quality of life they want for their neighborhood. Revitalization strategies will address contributing factors expressed by residents and staff identified throughout the AFH. The Census data shows that over the last ten years, there has been a constant flow of moderate/middle income families as well as white families moving out of North Jonesboro. Over the same period, there has been a constant influx of low- income and minorities moving into North Jonesboro. If this trend continues, it is only a matter of time before this R/ECAP become a slum and blight neighborhood; then criminal activities will filter into the area.
5	Goal Name	AFH: Improvement of Public Transit
	Goal Description	The Jonesboro Housing Authority is unfamiliar with the challenges facing the city in providing transportation for more routes and extending hours to weekends. The PHA is requesting a representative from the Housing Authority be added to the committee to promote the needs of Publicly Assisted Housing residents who rely on JET for transportation. The limited schedule affects their ability to access opportunity including jobs in the service industries, third-shift jobs, and other community amenities. Many residents who are impacted include the elderly, disabled and minorities.

6	Goal Name	AFH: Establish a Citizen Fair Housing Board
	Goal Description	Establish a Citizens Fair Housing Board to educate residents (with a focus on protected classes) on how to effectively utilize fair housing laws; and to reduce opposition community to the development of affordable housing in high opportunity areas in Jonesboro.
7	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Fair Housing Knowledge
	Goal Description	Citizen's Fair Housing Board increase knowledge and understanding of fair housing among property owners and residents to affirmatively further fair housing, international property maintenance codes and influence the State of Arkansas to create tenant/landlord laws. This addresses the issues because education of the public regarding their rights and responsibilities with regards to the fair housing law is an essential component of fair housing enforcement. This includes the education of landlords and tenants, housing and financial providers, as well as citizens. Potential victims of housing and/or lending discrimination law should be aware of fair housing issues, know what constitutes a violation, and what they can do in the event they believe they have been discriminated against. Likewise, it is important for lenders, housing providers, and their agents to know what their responsibilities are and when they may be violating fair housing law. The Community Development Office is responsible for conducting public education, training and outreach of fair housing rights and remedies in Jonesboro. People are often unaware of their fair housing rights. Housing discrimination tends to be more subtle these days than it was in the past. Instead of saying no children are allowed, unreasonable occupancy standards may exclude families with children. Rather than saying, "We do not rent to Hispanics," a rental agent may say they have no vacancies, when, in fact, they have vacancies. In addition, a person who believes he/she may have been discriminated against will probably do nothing if he/she does not realize a telephone call can initiate intervention and a resolution, without expenditure of funds or excessive time.
8	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Awareness & Enforcement
	Goal Description	Increasing awareness and enforcement of fair housing among publicly assisted families.

9	Goal Name	AFH: Increase Acceptability of Housing Choice
	Goal Description	<p>Increase the number of property owners willing to accept housing choice vouchers to open up available housing throughout the community due to the lack of affordable housing for publicly assisted families in the housing choice voucher programs.</p> <p>Jonesboro is one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Arkansas with an increase of 23.5% from 2000 per Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce with an annual growth rate of 2%. It is a challenge to enlist owners who willing to participate in the HGV program because it is a "sellers' market" where there are more renters looking for units than there are rentals available.</p>
10	Goal Name	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless
	Goal Description	Increase housing and services opportunities to the homeless populations.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded \$604,085 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the City of Jonesboro to achieve the set goals of activities listed in the 2019 Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
2	Homeownership Assistance
3	Demolition & Clearance Assistance
4	Neighborhood Revitalization Program
5	HSP: Transitional Housing for Veterans (Veterans Village)
6	PI: Patrick St. Sidewalk
7	PF: The Learning Center
8	PS: Hispanic Community Services, Inc.
9	PS: West End Neighborhood Association
10	PS: HUB Homeless Resource Center, Inc.
11	ED: Microenterprise Business Accelerator (MBA)
12	CDBG Program Planning & Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

CDBG funds will benefit low-and moderate-income individuals all throughout the city of Jonesboro.

The Housing Services: Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance; Homeownership Assistance; Demolition & Clearance Assistance, which are direct service by grantee, are citywide service for qualified LMI applicants. These services are a priority for the city due to the high number of applicants having homes near dilapidation due to the years of being unattended by homeowner for various reasons, one being limited income. Many of the rehabilitation assistance is awarded for emergency projects, such as sewer or plumbing, roofing and electrical issues. Demolition assistance for preventing and eliminating slum and blight in LMI neighborhoods. Additionally, assisting LMI individuals that are unable to afford demolishing their houses after a fire or

beyond decayed. Assisting first-time homebuyers with closing cost/down payment provides accessibility to affordable housing.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program will assist the Land Bank indirectly to beautify/rehabilitate homeowner-occupied houses near the areas of new development to increase community and economic development.

The prevention and elimination of homelessness is one of the city's top priority. Finding ways to provide housing and services to the homeless has been a focus for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Last program year and this program year, funds have been allocated for the Transitional Housing for Veterans—Veterans Village. The Veterans Village will provide transitional housing to approximately 100 veterans and their families, additionally providing services to over 100 veterans. There are currently 2,500 vets in Craighead County and 2,000 in Jonesboro alone. The village will have nine housing units, a pavilion and a shared resource recreational center (community center). Beck PRIDE will have a satellite office in the community center to provide services to the veterans. In addition, to the City's goal to addressing homelessness serviced, this year the public service project for The HUB will consist in providing additional resources and services to the general homeless population in Jonesboro.

This program year, funds were allocated to address a public improvement project in north Jonesboro that will significantly impact residents and commuters. Patrick Street Sidewalks project will address issues and concerns of citizens that have requested the City to address multiple times in public hearings, community meetings, and city council. The Patrick St. sidewalk project will be phase two following FY2018 allocation, and leveraging CDBG funds to make a greater impact with city funds.

Continuing the City's effort to assist local nonprofit organizations to provide services to the LMI individual, this program year funds have been allocated to one public facility and three public service projects. The public facility project with The Learning Center will benefit children diagnosed and treated for mental and physical disabilities. The project will consist in assisting the organization with preparing the land area for building the park (i.e. flattening land, concrete lay, and bridge. Provide accessibility to the area assigned for the park). The Natural Playground for sensory integration is for the kids to received and reinforce their therapy and encourage them to connect with nature. The three public services program subrecipients will provide services to a youth leadership program, homelessness resources and services, and safety neighborhood initiative to install security cameras to a park. All nonprofit organizations

receiving CDBG funds will be addressing needs for LMI individuals and neighborhoods.

FY2018 the jurisdiction launched their first of its kind economic development program. The Microenterprise Business Accelerator (MBA) Program was established to fund startups and Microenterprises to promote economic development, increase jobs, and promote sustainability for small businesses. For the 2019 program year, the City will continue to address economic development by increasing CDBG funding allocation to this program. This is in response to the citizens' request to have more economic development opportunities, especially assisting small businesses.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
	Target Area	Jonesboro North Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range
	Funding	CDBG: \$71,357
	Description	The City will rehabilitate single-family houses for low-and moderate-income homeowner-occupant to provide decent and standardized housing for those whom are unable to fund the repairs of their housing units.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City will repair approximately 5+ housing units for qualified LMI homeowner-occupants.
	Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	It may include replacement, repair, and installations of roof, heat and air units, plumbing, electrical, foundation, windows, doors and many more. Sewer connection may be included.	
2	Project Name	Homeownership Assistance
	Target Area	Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Establish a City Land Bank
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	Assist qualified LMI first-time homebuyers with closing-cost/down-payment.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City will assist 6 LMI first-time homebuyers.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Grant assistance for 4 LMI first-time homebuyers with closing-cost/down-payment.
3	Project Name	Demolition & Clearance Assistance
	Target Area	Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Assist qualified LMI homeowner with the demolition of their vacant houses. Clearance and demolition of other structures to eliminate and prevent slum and blight.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City will provide assistance for 3– 5 demolition or clearance projects. Approximately 3 LMI households will benefit from the program.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The jurisdiction will assist four low- to moderate- income neighborhoods with the removal of blighted and deteriorated structures that are public safety issues and increase the revitalization efforts within those neighborhoods.
4	Project Name	Neighborhood Revitalization Program
	Target Area	Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability

	Needs Addressed	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Occupancy Codes and Restrictions AFH: Deteriorated and Abandoned Properties AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Revitalization Program will assist the Land Bank indirectly to beautify/rehabilitate homeowner-occupied properties near the areas of new development to increase community and economic development.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3 LMI households—homeowners will benefit from the funds.
	Location Description	North Jonesboro Jonesboro – Low Income Areas
	Planned Activities	Repair, rehabilitate, and beautify homeowner-occupied properties.
5	Project Name	HSP: Transitional Housing for Veterans—Veteran Village
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Location and Type of Affordable Housing AFH: Availability of Affordable Units in a Range AFH: Lack of Transitional Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	The Veterans Village will provide homeless veterans housing and services. The village will have nine housing units, a pavilion and a shared resource recreational center (community center). CDBG funds will be utilized as leverage to assist with the cost of building the shared resource recreational center.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 100 LMI veterans and their family will benefit with the housing and an additional 100 LMI veterans will benefit from receiving support services by BECK Pride.

	Location Description	Jonesboro. Project boundaries: Aggie Road, Patrick Street, Allis Street, and Chalky Street.
	Planned Activities	The City will construct the Veteran Village using ADFA funding. Additionally, CDBG funds will be used to assist to build the community center for veterans to share and receive services.
6	Project Name	PI: Patrick Street Sidewalks
	Target Area	North Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	AFH: Increase Accessibility for the Disabled Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Access to Transportation for Persons AFH: Inaccessible Sidewalks, Pedestrian Crossings
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000
	Description	Public Improvement Project. Patrick Street construction the extension of new sidewalks, phase 2. The street has had an increase of vehicle and foot traffic in the past few years and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 5000 residents and commuter drivers will be directly benefitting of the public improvements. Sidewalks will benefit drivers and pedestrians to avoid danger of hitting pedestrians walking on the road.
	Location Description	Jonesboro residential area. On Patrick Street north of Johnson Ave. up to Lost Creek Road.
Planned Activities	Construction of new sidewalks and extension/phase 2. The street has had an increase of vehicle and foot traffic in the past few years and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians.	
7	Project Name	PF: The Learning Center – Natural Park Project
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000

	Description	The project will consist in assisting the organization with preparing the land area for building the park (i.e. flattening land, concrete lay, and bridge. Provide accessibility to the area assigned for the park). The Natural Playground for sensory integration is for the kids to received and reinforce their therapy and encourage them to connect with nature.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The public facility project with The Learning Center will benefit over 100 children diagnosed and treated for mental and physical disabilities.
	Location Description	2808 Fox Meadow Ln., Jonesboro
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to prepare land area (i.e. flattening land, concrete lay, and bridge. Provide accessibility to the area assigned for the park).
8	Project Name	PS: Hispanic Community Services, Inc.
	Target Area	Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Public Services Project. El Centro Hispano - The Hispanic Center serves the Hispanic community in Jonesboro and providing services to LMI residents. The HELP - Hispanic Emerging Leaders Program (expansion program) was established to assist Hispanic/Latino students with leadership skills, options to attend college and/or learn trade skills. Students are exposed to civic community in Jonesboro and visit multiple local businesses where they may intern and or work.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 LMI Hispanic high school students.
	Location Description	211 Vandyne St., Jonesboro

	Planned Activities	Funds will be utilized for administrative cost to pay a portion of the program coordinator for HELP and 20 scholarships.
9	Project Name	PS: West End Neighborhood Association
	Target Area	Jonesboro Jonesboro - Low Income Areas
	Goals Supported	Create Attractive Neighborhood- Livability
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,911
	Description	Public Services Project. West End Neighborhood Association project for the expansion of Park Safety Initiative Location 2. Installation of security cameras to a second location and unlocking the school playground (Micro Society Magnet School).
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The program will directly benefit 6,800 persons within the targeted neighborhood. Of those 6,800 persons, there are 1,700 households with 60% families w/children, 20% female head of households and 20% single households. These households have elderly, physically and mentally disabled, youth and some homeless populations.
	Location Description	1110 West Washington Ave, Jonesboro
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Micro Society Magnet School, in addition to service payment of an off-duty police officer to unlock and lock playground daily for a total of 36 weeks.
10	Project Name	PS: The HUB Homeless Resource Center, Inc.
	Target Area	Jonesboro Jonesboro Homeless Population
	Goals Supported	Housing and Services Opportunities to the Homeless
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000

	Description	The HUB provides resources and services to the homeless persons in Jonesboro seeking services such as assistance to attain birth certificates, state identification, social security cards, be a local resource for food pantries, shelters, and DHS (assist to fill out applications for SNAP/Medicaid, etc.). Their expanding program includes additional services to provide daily skills and mattresses to those individuals completing the 90-Day program. Participants complete the program when they can maintain employment, secure housing, and successfully complete the skill training.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 25 to 40 homeless individuals seek assistance at the center monthly. 450 homeless individuals will be serviced and benefit directly.
	Location Description	711 Union St., Jonesboro
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to administrative cost to cover a portion of the executive director’s salary, program operation cost includes office materials and supplies, bus passes, and mattresses/box springs.
11	Project Name	ED: Microenterprise Business Accelerator (MBA)
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Private Investments
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Economic Development Project. The Microenterprise Business Accelerator Program (MBA) assists small business/start-ups to promote creation and retention of job opportunities for LMI persons.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately four small business/start-ups will benefit. Depending on the amount granted to the businesses, approximately 4-6 jobs for LMI employees will be created or retained.
	Location Description	Jonesboro
	Planned Activities	Funding will vary according to businesses proposals and requests, and it may including rent and payroll assistance.

13	Project Name	CDBG Program Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Jonesboro
	Goals Supported	AFH: Develop a Community Revitalization Strategy
	Needs Addressed	AFH: Lack of Community Revitalization Strategies AFH: Lack of Fair Housing Outreach & Enforcement AFH: Lack of Knowledge of Fair Housing AFH: Lack of Services & Amenities - Public
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,817
	Description	CDBG administration costs necessary for planning, project management, implementation and compliance reporting. Planned activities include managing CDBG funded programs, projects, and comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program management will directly/indirectly have a positive effect on thousands of low-to moderate-income individuals throughout the program year.
	Location Description	City of Jonesboro 300 S. Church St. Jonesboro, AR 72401
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include managing CDBG funded programs, projects, and comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

City of Jonesboro – data shows multiple low-and moderate-income sectors citywide.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Jonesboro	100
North Jonesboro	
Jonesboro - Low Income Areas	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

It is the City's priority to fund projects and activities that benefit LMI individuals. A portion of the funds will be utilize to fund activities in North Jonesboro, where a large number of LMI households reside. Most of the public services organizations being funded this fiscal year provide services to LMI individual. Funds for housing services are awarded to qualified LMI individuals citywide; however, there is a large number of applicants from North Jonesboro for the rehabilitation assistance program.

Discussion

Funds will benefit low-and moderate-income individuals all throughout the city of Jonesboro, through direct and or indirect service.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In FY2017 the jurisdiction were granted Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) funds to assist with providing services to homeless or at-risk to be homeless individuals. Services included rapid rehousing, rent and utility payment assistance. The program was completed at the end of FY2018 and the City will not be receiving this funding for FY2019.

FY2018 funds are being awarded to four first-time homebuyers for the Homeownership Assistance Program. These funds are awarded to qualified LMI individuals to assist with closing cost and down payment.

Currently, the jurisdiction is working on funding housing services from 2017 CDBG funds. Approximately 10+ houses will be completed for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program; funds to rehabilitate homeowner-occupied properties to bring them up to code, clean and safe environment to live. With this program, homeowners in very dilapidated housing will be able to stay in their property that they can afford as oppose to relocating in case their home becomes condemned—unlivable conditions.

In addition, the Transitional Housing for Veterans—Veterans Village will be assisting approximately 100 veterans and their families with affordable housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	23
Special-Needs	8
Total	131

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	9
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	19

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

All direct and indirect services are provided for LMI individuals, including homeless or at-risk of being homeless veterans.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Jonesboro Housing Authority (JURHA) public housing developments are primarily located on the outskirts of the R/ECAP. Even though it is physically located out of the R/ECAP, based on the JURHA annual review for de-concentration in public housing, 87 percent (121 of 140 public housing residents) fall at or below the extremely low-income levels. Of the remaining eleven percent of the households (19 residents) live at the 50 percent or the very low-income levels of the city population.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Jonesboro Housing Authority notes that residents have frequently given opposition to the requirement that public housing residents provide community service. However, JURHA has no choice but to implement this requirement of federal law. In designing the program, the JURHA has addressed resident concerns. Non-exempt residents will be encouraged to perform community service at the development where they reside or in their immediately surrounding communities. Activities such as participation in Neighborhood Watch, Bus Stop Patrol, Tenant Patrol, Computer Lab Volunteer, and Youth Event Chaperone are available to residents for community service credits. Residents may perform community service at locations not owned or controlled by Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority. JURHA has ten approved work sites.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

JURHA encourages active participation in our Public Housing Resident Council. Many single parents lacked the time and scheduling conflicts from residents' work schedules prevent adequate participation in these resident council meetings. JURHA offered different schedules for resident council and their board meetings, however the varying non-traditional work schedules of our residents is still second only to lack of transportation as an excuse for nonattendance at the meetings.

JURHA has a public housing resident on our Board of Commissioners, as required by HUD. We give each resident a flyer from JURHA CHDO that sells houses with homeownership tips. Unfortunately, we no longer offer a homeownership program where we were able to truly consult and advise residents on ways to improve credit scores and educate them about homeownership. HUD discontinued funding for the Homeownership Program, expecting housing authorities, to acquire funding from other sources. Even though banks were willing to

provide some funding, we were unable to secure adequate funding from local banks.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City of Jonesboro is tackling the ever-increasing issue of homelessness. As more and more people find themselves without shelter, the jurisdiction deems necessary to address this issue and allocate funds for services that aim to prevent or eliminate homelessness in the city. However, individuals with disabilities struggle to transition into permanent housing. The jurisdiction is aware of these issues and are willing to work with the service providers and the families of these individuals. There have also been an increase in veterans being homeless or in danger to becoming homeless, as a result, the City is working to construct a Veterans Village and since FY2018 and FY2019, \$130,000 CDBG funds will be to assist the advancement of this project.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The jurisdiction is aiming to address the homelessness issue by proving funding to two activities this fiscal year. One activity is a public services project for fund The HUB to advance their services to the homelessness population. The other activity/project is the Veterans Village to provide housing and services to veterans as a transitional home. Collaborating with other veteran service organizations to provide services, job preparedness, and to assist individuals to be able to achieve permanent housing and employment. These collaborations will also benefit individuals with disabilities that struggle to transition into permanent housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The jurisdiction will continue working with the HUB to provide emergency and transitional housing needs for homeless individuals. As a resource center, the HUB will initially tap into

emergency and transitional service providers. These includes area homeless shelters and churches. If beds are not available at a shelter, HUB volunteers call area churches who provide 1-2 nights in a motel. If churches are out funds for the month, the HUB used donated and/or raised funds to provide 1-2 nights' motel stay before starting the process over. The jurisdiction and the HUB will continue to refine this process and encourage churches and other organizations to support our efforts to shelter our homeless.

In addition, the City is invested to see the Transitional Housing for Veterans—Veterans Village completed to begin servicing homeless or at-risk of being homeless veterans and their families.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City through funding public services projects and activities such as the Veterans Village that address the needs of those that are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless aims to help low-income individual and their families. The jurisdiction intends to assist individuals and service providers with the resources through providing decent and affordable housing opportunities. In addition to the housing aspect, opportunities to enter into life skills and other programs will assist those living within a community setting.

The City currently provides housing rehabilitation assistance to those who own their home and need assistance to bring their homes up to codes.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Location and type of affordable housing is listed as a high priority contributing factor in our AFH, because it affects all seven (7) fair housing issues. Much of Jonesboro's affordable and rental housing is located in just two neighborhoods (North Jonesboro and Fairview). These neighborhoods have a high representation of minority and low-income individuals. This concentration of affordable housing has a disproportionate impact on protected classes and impacts their housing choice, their ability to access neighborhoods with community amenities like good schools and proximity to jobs. Affordable housing in a variety of neighborhoods.

In the recent years, there have been an increase in multifamily housing development throughout the city and especially in the impoverished area; however, being new building or duplexes may not be affordable.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

A significant barrier to affordable housing remains the financial ability of the low- to moderate-income families to provide necessary funding for acquisition or for major or minor homeowner repairs, so acquisition and repair programs implemented by the city help address this obstacle. Another obstacle the City continues to face is the rising cost of materials and labor for rehabilitation projects in the community and the negative impact of that escalation on the existing program limits. The city currently administers minor repair programs that enable low- and moderate- income homeowners to stay in their homes in a safe and decent environment. The city continues to assist the low-income community by offering the First-Time New Homeownership Assistance program to eligible participants. This program continues to be very successful.

The City enforces various zoning, permit, and parking requirements, which restricts 'free' use of land, but the city considers these regulations as being necessary to regulate safety and traffic issues for residential areas. The jurisdiction has provided for more affordable housing by allowing for relaxed lot standards; smaller lots with reduced setbacks (RS-8 Single Family District). This district allows reduced 15 foot, setbacks in front and back yards, as well as 7.5 foot, side setbacks with a lot as small as, 5,445 square feet at 50 foot, in width. The city's Zoning

Code requires two parking spaces per single-family or duplex unit.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Jonesboro continues to place major emphasis on HUD's priority goals of housing, and improving the quality of life for marginalized residents through the provision of needed public services. This year's projects and activities address these goals directly as it increases accessibility of affordable housing and the viability for potential homeownership through the provision of direct homeownership financial assistance. The city will address the sustainability of our existing affordable housing through its preservation, improvement, and rehabilitation projects.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Jonesboro's Department of Grants & Community Development has implemented a citywide community engagement strategy that includes residents, churches, stakeholders and non-profit organizations that serve our lowest income residents. It is the jurisdiction's intention to build a model of community involvement that directly addresses poverty issues, encourages community leadership, and enables low-income neighborhoods to see marked change in the program year 2019.

There continues to be many community stakeholders willing to further our efforts to address the needs of their individual neighborhoods. Through the 2019 CDBG program funds the city will be serving not only specific low income neighborhoods, but directly serving our low income and special needs populations including youth, elderly, disabled, and otherwise disadvantaged.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Jonesboro is committed to the proper implementation of a balanced Community Development Program that maximizes benefits to low and moderate income persons both directly and indirectly through the improvement of their neighborhoods. Through the provision of decent and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, educational and supportive services, and the expansion of economic opportunities, the city intends to change the face of our low-income neighborhoods and provide residents with the needed resources to assist them in breaking both generational and circumstantial poverty. This year's primary focus is housing, along with a broad range of public and social services addressing the core needs of our low-income individuals.

CDBG funding makes it possible for Jonesboro to provide meaningful housing improvements, public improvement, and community restoration and development activities. It is through these

activities that the City address the quality of life issues.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

According to the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X), lead based paint hazard is defined as any condition that causes exposure to lead from lead contaminated dust, lead contaminated soil or lead contaminated paint that is deteriorated or present in chewable surfaces, friction surfaces, or impact surfaces that would result in adverse human health effects. As required by Title X, the City of Jonesboro is carrying out CDBG funded activities in tandem with our Jonesboro Inspection Department. The Chief Building official and inspectors are also certified in lead-based paint testing and removal.

Owners of properties to be rehabilitated are informed of the risks of lead based paint. As part of the rehabilitation process, the property is inspected for signs of defective paint. Defective paint in older homes that is suspected to be lead based is removed following the lead based paint standards. If there are children in the home, the parents are provided information regarding the benefits of having the children tested for lead based paint and also where they can go to get this done.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The institutional structure for implementation of the Consolidated Plan includes non-profit organizations along with other public agencies and educational institutions. The City of Jonesboro Grants and Department of Community Development is responsible for implementation of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The city funds and coordinates with the nonprofit organizations that provide public services to benefit Jonesboro residents. The city also works with housing developers in the development of affordable housing throughout the city. Non-profit organizations are vital partners in achieving the Consolidated Plan goals.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The city will continue to offer their assistance to the Public Housing Authority in submitting applications for funding to increase Section 8 vouchers or provide additional funds for affordable housing or other housing services. The city regularly collaborates with the local PHA,

participates in non-profit meetings and faith-based activities, and organizes and facilitates focus groups.

The city assists non-profit agencies in securing other state and federal funding by writing letters of support and assisting agencies to complete applications for funding.

The major strengths of the city's institutional structure is in the access to various city departments and a large number of very capable non-profit organizations who are highly competent in using available resources and leveraging funding in order to achieve the desired housing and services.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The City of Jonesboro will continue to affirmatively further fair housing as set out under 24 CFR §91.220, and has prepared the AFH Plan that identifies impediments and barriers to fair housing choice, and maintains records pertaining to carrying out this certification. CDBG funding allows low-income individuals and families to be assisted in homeownership through education and matching grants for down payment and closing costs. For those who cannot afford to maintain their homes, CDBG funds will be used to provide grants for rehabilitation. The city has undertaken activities to address homeless resource center, transitional housing needs and rapid rehousing of our homeless individuals and families.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	5
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2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.

100%

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
 Application
 Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
 Continuation
 Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Jonesboro

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

71-6013749

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0735402880000

d. Address:

* Street1:

P.O. Box 1845

Street2:

300 S. Church Street

* City:

Jonesboro

County/Parish:

Craighead County

* State:

AR: Arkansas

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

72403-1845

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Grants & Community Development

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Regina

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Burkett

Suffix:

Title:

Director of Community Development

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

870-336-7229

Fax Number:

870-933-4626

* Email:

rburkett@jonesboro.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grant Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grant Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Jonesboro 2018 Annual Action Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="622,310.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="622,310.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-19:082	Version:	1	Name:	CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX
Type:	Resolution	Status:		Status:	To Be Introduced
File created:	6/6/2019	In control:		In control:	Finance & Administration Council Committee
On agenda:		Final action:		Final action:	
Title:	A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX				
Sponsors:	Parks & Recreation, Finance				
Indexes:	Contract				
Code sections:					
Attachments:	Rental Agreement for Jonesboro Radio Group.pdf				

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
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A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, owns and maintains Southside Sports Complex located at 5003 Stadium Blvd;

WHEREAS, Jonesboro Radio Group is seeking rental for Fourth of July fireworks at Southside Sports Complex; and,

WHEREAS, Jonesboro Radio Group is renting the complex for the sum of \$1,000.00;

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall contract with Jonesboro Radio Group for the rental of Southside Sports Complex. A copy of said contract is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: The Mayor, Harold Perrin, and City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement.

RENTAL AGREEMENT

This agreement made this 31st day of May, 2019, is between City of Jonesboro, hereinafter called Lessor and Saga Communications of Arkansas, LLC, a/k/a Jonesboro Radio Group hereinafter called Lessee.

Lessor leases to Lessee, property at 5003 Stadium Boulevard, Jonesboro, Arkansas commonly known as the Southside Softball Complex in Jonesboro, Arkansas in the following conditions:

1. **TERM:** The term of this lease shall be for three (3) days, beginning July 3, 2019, and ending at midnight on July 5, 2019.
2. **RENT:** Rent is payable in advance, no later than June 30, 2019 and shall be made in a single payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Said payment shall be delivered to the Lessor at 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401.
3. **USE:** Lessee agrees to use said premises for the purpose of a July 4th Fireworks Display, and for no other purpose.
4. **SUBLET:** Lessee **may-not** sublet the property or assign this lease without written consent of lessor.
5. **USE:** The property shall be used for a July 4th Fireworks Display. Lessee shall be responsible for the following:
 - (a) Supplying and removing portable toilets to be placed on the premises for the use of the public during the activities on the property.
 - (b) Cleaning up the property following the event, to include trash pick-up and repair of any damages caused by the public or the Lessee to the property during their use. Property must be left in the same condition as it was in prior to the event hosted by the lessee.
 - (c) Lessee is responsible for providing for the smooth flow of traffic into and out of the event. In addition, Lessee will provide traffic control to ensure that no persons are parking in areas on the property which are restricted and not designed of parking vehicles.
 - (d) Lessee will barricade restricted access areas to prevent the public from entering.
 - (e) Lessee will coordinate with Fire and Police and follow all safety requirements determined by them.
 - (f) Lessee will not charge an admission or parking fee to the public of this event.
6. **CONCESSIONS:** The parties agree that the Lessor will open and operate a concession stand(s) during this event for the public. All monies made at the concession stand will go to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.
7. **RISK OF LOSS:** Lessee shall be solely responsible for losses including but not limited to any losses caused by fire on the premises during the rental period. In addition, Lessee shall be responsible for any damages caused by the public to the premises during the rental period. Lessee shall be required to maintain insurance to cover any losses caused by fire, damage, or otherwise to existing structures or to the premises as a whole.

8. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Lessee releases Lessor from liability for and agrees to indemnify lessor against all losses incurred by lessor as a result of:
- (a) Lessee's failure to fulfill any condition of this agreement;
 - (b) Any damage or injury happening in or about the house or premises to lessee's invitees or licensees or such person's property; and
 - (c) Lessee's failure to comply with any requirements imposed by any governmental authority.
9. **FAILURE OF LESSOR TO ACT:** Failure of lessor to insist upon strict compliance with the terms of this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of lessor's right to act on any violation.
10. **REMEDIES CUMULATIVE:** All remedies under this agreement or by law or equity shall be cumulative. If a suit for any breach of this agreement established a breach by lessee, lessee shall pay to lessor all expenses incurred in connection therewith.
11. **NOTICES:** Any notices required by this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given if delivered personally or mailed by registered or certified mail.
12. **COMPLIANCES WITH LAW:** Lessee agrees not to violate any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any governmental authority having jurisdiction of the leased premises. There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises.
13. **SEVERABILITY:** Each paragraph of this lease agreement is severable from all other paragraphs. In the event any court of competent jurisdiction determines that any paragraph or sub-paragraph is invalid or unenforceable for any reason, all remaining paragraphs and subparagraphs will remain in full force and effect.
14. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This agreement and any attached addendum constitute the entire agreement and any attached addendum constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no oral statements shall be binding.
15. **INTERPRETATION:** This lease agreement shall be interpreted according to and enforced under the laws of the State of Arkansas.
16. **RELATIONSHIP:** Lessor and Lessee agree that their relationship is that of independent contractors and not a partnership or joint venture.



 Lessee, Jonesboro Radio Group Signature

6/6/19

 Date

 Lessor, City of Jonesboro Signature

 Date

 Attest Signature

 Date



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: RES-19:068 **Version:** 1 **Name:** CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTSAFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO TRACK THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S CONTRACTS

Type: Resolution **Status:** In Committee

File created: 5/22/2019 **In control:** Finance & Administration Council Committee

On agenda: **Final action:**

Title: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTSAFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO TRACK THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S CONTRACTS.

Sponsors: Finance

Indexes: Contract

Code sections:

Attachments: [ContractSafe Agreement Jonesboro 052119.pdf](#)
[Laserfiche Proposal City of Jonesboro.pdf](#)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
5/28/2019	1	Finance & Administration Council Committee	Postponed Temporarily	Pass

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTSAFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO TRACK THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S CONTRACTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, would like to have a computer program to track and maintain all city contracts and payments.

WHEREAS, ContractSafe will provide the city this product with the basic annual subscription fees of \$4,296 (four thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars).

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

Section 1. That the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall contract with ContractSafe for the annual subscription of computer software to track City of Jonesboro contracts. A copy of said contract is attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Mayor, Harold Perrin and City Clerk, Donna Jackson, are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the agreement.

CUSTOMER AGREEMENT

This Customer Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is made as of the date it is fully executed by the parties (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between the City of Jonesboro, with offices located at 300 S. Church Street, Jonesboro, AR, 72401 (“**Customer**”), and ContractSafe LLC (“**ContractSafe**”) with offices located at 23823 Malibu Road, Suite 50-197, Malibu CA 90265. Customer and ContractSafe are each sometimes referred to herein as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties.**”

(a) ContractSafe and Customer wish to enter into an arrangement for Customer to use ContractSafe’s products and/or services (the “**Site**”).

(b) Except as explicitly set forth in this Agreement, Customer’s use of the Site will be subject to ContractSafe’s standard Terms of Use then in effect on the Site (“**ToU**”; <https://www.contractsafe.com/terms-of-use>).

ACCORDINGLY, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Customer hereby subscribes to the Site at the Basic Annual subscription level with [AI]ssistant from the Effective Date through the anniversary of the Effective Date for a subscription fee of \$4,296. ContractSafe will invoice Customer for this subscription fee and Customer agrees to pay said invoice within thirty (30) days.
2. Section 12.4 is replaced in its entirety with, “Except if prohibited by applicable law, each party submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Arkansas.”
3. In Section 12.5, the following phrase is deleted, “; the arbitrator shall apply California law to all other matters.”
4. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the ToU, the terms of this Agreement shall control. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic communication (e.g., PDF) shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the Effective Date.



CITY OF JONESBORO

CONTRACTSAFE LLC

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Print Title: _____

Dated Signed: _____

Dated Signed: _____

City of Jonesboro, AR

Technology Proposal

Friday, April 19, 2019



Presented By:

Jeff Smith,
Solutions Engineer

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Friday, April 19, 2019

To the Administration of City of Jonesboro,

On behalf of our entire team, it is my honor to personally thank you for considering Preferred Office Technologies for your growing technology needs. Much like your organization, our company was founded by an individual with a vision. Now in our third generation of family ownership, I am proud to carry the torch to ensure my Grandfather's vision to provide our clients with quality service, matched with best-of-breed technology remains with us today.

Founded in 1968, Preferred Office Technologies has guided our clients through wars and cold wars, record inflation, the dawn of the digital age, the wireless age, and the worst economic event since the Great Depression. Through it all, we remained focused on the ever-changing needs of our clients. As a result, today we proudly offer one of the most comprehensive suite of technology products and services to be offered by a local, family-owned company.

The consulting proposal we have customized for the City of Jonesboro provides you access to the wisdom, knowledge and experience of tenured industry professionals dedicated to their craft in order to help you take control of the IT services best suited for your office environment.

It is my sincere hope that Preferred Office Technologies may become your trusted technology partner in this endeavor, and any other you may find.

If I may be of help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (479) 782-7991 or through email at kdickinson@preferred-office.com.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dickinson,
Owner
Preferred Office Technologies





Laserfiche[®] PROPOSAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Preferred Office Technologies is pleased to submit this proposal for Laserfiche virtual document storage and retrieval services to support the City of Jonesboro in achieving its technology goals for improving the efficiency of its office environment. Through extensive interdepartmental collaboration, combining decades of expertise, our recommendations are made as our best-fit solutions to your specific needs. We proudly partner with thousands of large and small businesses throughout Arkansas and Oklahoma; committed to driving customer experience through a unique service-based technology model. Through planning, installation, and implementation, Preferred Office Technologies delivers technology to our clients with an emphasis on convenience, accuracy, and timely delivery.

Your Objectives

- <Need #1: Centralize Archived Contracts Records in ELECTRONIC Format >
- <Need #2: Standardize CAPTURE of information for Contracts>
- <Need #3: Transparency of Contract Process / Recordkeeping >
- <Need #4: Document & Operational Redundancy for ACOOP Requirements >
- <Need #5: Filing & Process AUTOMATION >

Your Solutions

- <Recommendation #1: Laserfiche Cloud-based Application with 25 Full Users >
- <Recommendation #2: Laserfiche On-premise Server with 25 Full Users, Audit Trail, Forms, Signature, and Records Management Licensing >
- <Recommendation #3: 10-15 Hours Laserfiche Software Support / 8 Hours on-site Training >
- <Recommendation #4: Ongoing Training, Support and Recommendations >

OUR PROPOSAL

Laserfiche Avante Software Implementation

- Includes Solutions Outlined in Executive Summary
- Includes Support from your Preferred Technology Team

Meet Nathan Handley: CIO, Preferred Office Technologies



Nathan currently serves as team leader for the Preferred Technology Group, and is Preferred Office Technologies Chief Information Officer. He brings over 24 years of hands-on IT experience with 15 of those years spent at the Director/CIO level. Nathan has extensive dealings in the highly regulated healthcare field, as well as Federal and State Governments.

His background most recently includes:

- Overseeing 178 locations nationwide
- having achieved network up-time of 99.99999%
- Nominated for “CIO of the Year” and “Most Innovative Infrastructure Design”
- Acknowledgement for outstanding work on CARTA and CARTA II projects by the President of Costa Rica
- 13 peer-reviewed publications
- Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness work with NASA and the USGS

Nathan is on the Board of Directors for an Environmental Education Non-profit and is Technical Advisor to the University of Arkansas’s Department of Geography External Advisory Board.

EXECUTION STRATEGY

Your execution strategy incorporates proven methodologies, extremely qualified personnel, and a highly responsive approach to managing deliverables. Following is a description of our project methods, including how your project will be developed, a proposed timeline of events, and reasons for why we suggest developing the project as described.

Technical/Project Approach

The City of Jonesboro has developed time-honored traditions which carry with it specific processes and methodologies. Preferred Office Technologies recognizes this and brings it into our approach. We prefer to work collaboratively, in conjunction with our clients as we implement any technology solution; regardless of how simple or complex the product or service may be. This ensures you are receiving the full benefit of the partnership, and typically translates to a more robust result for your organization.

Your Preferred Technology Team Resources

- Jeff Smith, Solutions Specialist
jsmith@preferred-office.com
- Ryan Goodwin, Software Engineer
rgoodwin@preferred-office.com
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Timeline for Execution

Key proposed project dates are outlined below. Dates are estimates based upon typical implementation schedules and are occasionally change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Duration indicated for any of your, or your staff members' involvement(s), ONLY.

Description	Start Date	End Date	Duration
<23 Point Inspection>	TBD		1-2 Hours
<Laserfiche Case Analysis>	1 WEEK		2-4 Hours
<Laserfiche Custom Software Design >	3 WEEKS		
<Training & Beta Testing>	3 WEEKS	5 WEEKS	
<Laserfiche & 23 Point Follow-up Meeting>	6 WEEKS		1 Hour
<Next Review Meeting>	6 MONTHS		1 Hour
<Annual Review Meeting>	1 YEAR		1 Hour

PRICING

The following table details our best estimates for pricing of the products and services outlined in this proposal.

Laserfiche Cloud Licensing

The Laserfiche Cloud license introduces a straightforward annual or monthly fee including software licenses, hosted storage, technical support and software updates. The licensing option provides a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution hosted on Amazon Web Services.

- 100 GB Storage Per User
- Windows, Web and Mobile Clients
- Snapshot
- Records Management
- Advanced Audit Trail with Watermark Feature
- Electronic Forms
- Digital Signatures
- Import Agent
- Laserfiche Connector
- Microsoft Office Integration

Laserfiche Cloud Product Description

Laserfiche Cloud is a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution which provides a central digital repository accessible from anywhere. With Laserfiche cloud you can upload, view, and modify content within a streamlined fully responsive web interface. In addition to the central repository, below are some of the great features that come with Laserfiche Cloud.

- **Web Access:** Enables user to access content through a web browser.
- **Forms:** Create and publish customized e-forms that require no coding or scripting.
- **Business Processes:** Diagram business processes through the process modeler which is based on business process model and notation (BPMN) standards.
- **Import Agent:** Monitors network folders and imports files into the Laserfiche System. Upon import, this utility can perform OCR as well as index and route documents based on the Window's file path or file name.
- **Audit Trail:** track activities performed in a Laserfiche repository and generate reports. Auditing helps to show compliance with legal regulations and contributes to the security of the Laserfiche repository.
- **Records Management:** Process records and record folders according to a life cycle, through creation, retrieval, storage, and disposition.
- **Laserfiche Connector:** Provides a non-code means for integrating Laserfiche with line-of-business applications.
- **Microsoft Office Integration:** Integration with Microsoft Office® Suite. Allows for direct content import as well as indexing capabilities. As a part of this integration, emails and attachments stored in Outlook can be imported to the repository with a single click and auto-indexed with information such as sender, subject, time received, etc.
- **Built-In Disaster Recovery:** Perform system backups automatically without user intervention. Documents are backed up 6xs a day with the most recent 3 backups available for a minimum of 14 days.
- **Digital Signatures:** Post signing requests to DocuSign® to sign documents directly from Laserfiche Cloud.
- **Laser App®:** Provides forms filling solutions for those in the wealth management industry.

On-Premises Add-ons

- **Quick Fields:** An advanced automated data capture solution.
- **Plus:** Create a portable copy of information stored in a Laserfiche repository.
- **SDK:** Includes access to the same Web Services, API's and libraries used to develop the Laserfiche client applications.
- **ScanConnect:** Enables the use of ISIS scanning drivers with Laserfiche scanning.

Technical Support

Preferred Office Technologies is the first line of support for NEAESC whenever an issue is encountered. If any further action is required, your Preferred Office Technologies Solutions Team member has the ability to escalate the call to Laserfiche directly to remedy the issue.

Updates

On a monthly basis Laserfiche adds features and performance enhancements to an existing version of its software known as "updates." Licensee will receive all updates as released.

Access to Online Support Resources

The Laserfiche Support Site contains detailed technical information to increase your product knowledgebase. The Laserfiche Cloud Help Files contain useful information to help you get started with your Laserfiche Cloud account. Laserfiche also has numerous help videos which walk you through the product to help you become more familiar and comfortable with all the different features. Additionally, Laserfiche Cloud Answers is an online forum that allows Laserfiche Cloud subscribers to collaborate on ideas and solutions.

OPTION 1: Laserfiche Cloud Package	Software Price
Document Management w/ Process Automation User (25)*	\$16,250
Professional Services (10 hours) & On-site Training (8 hours)	\$2,500
Total Laserfiche Technology Package Investment*	\$19,492.00

*\$16,250 is assessed annually

OPTION 2: Laserfiche On Premise Package	Software Price
Avante Server with SQL Express	\$1,800
Avante Named Full User w/ Web Client (25)	\$15,000
Avante Forms Professional (25)	\$1,250
Standard Audit Trail	\$1,875
Avante Records Management Module	\$6,000
Digital Signature	\$625
LSAP* (Annual Support Fee)	\$5,250
Professional Services (15) & On-site Training (8)	\$3,250
Total Laserfiche Technology Package Investment*	\$35,050.00

*LSAP amount of \$5,250 is assessed annually.

*90 Days, Same as Cash

This pricing is valid for 30 days from the date of this proposal:

Disclaimer: Product pricing in the above tables are not subject to change, unless project specifications are modified. All prices shown are before applicable taxes.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE

Name

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