



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT THE FY 2016 OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, City of Jonesboro, Arkansas seeks to improve the recreation facilities and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

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

WHEREAS, the plans for said recreation area has been prepared and the price therefore has been established at \$121,700; and

WHEREAS, this governing body understands the grantee and grantor will enter into a binding agreement which obligates both parties to policies and procedures contained in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual including, but not limited to the following; the park area defined by the project boundary map, submitted in the application, must remain in outdoor recreation use in perpetuity, regardless if the property is bought or developed with matching grant funds and; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground and; the project area must remain open and available for use by the public at all reasonable times of the day and year; facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc. but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use, and; the project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe and healthful manner. City Council is well aware and apprised of the above-mentioned project, and will provide the local portion of the development cost of the entire project in the FY 2016 parks and recreation budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Jonesboro, Arkansas that the Parks Director is hereby authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for assistance to re-develop the Earl Bell Community Center tennis courts and such application shall be submitted as expediently as possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of August, 2015.