



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT A 2021 OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas (“City”) seeks to develop Union Street Park in Downtown Jonesboro for outdoor recreational facilities and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and,

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the funds necessary to develop Union Street Park, it is necessary to obtain an Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism (“ADPHT”); and,

WHEREAS, the plans for such recreation areas have been prepared and the price therefore has been established; and,

WHEREAS, the local match would be \$100,000 and the grant would be \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000 to complete the project; and,

WHEREAS, the grantee (City) and grantor (ADPHT) will need to 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 as submitted in the application; the park must remain in outdoor recreation use in perpetuity regardless if the property is bought or developed with matching grant funds; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground; the project area must remain open and available for use by the public at all reasonable times of the day and year; facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc., but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use; and, the project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe and healthful manner.

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

SECTION 1: The Jonesboro City Council supports the submission of the 2021 application to the ADPHT for an Outdoor Recreation Grant to develop the Union Street Park facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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

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

SECTION 4: The Jonesboro City Council pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Recreation to initiate action to implement this project.

SECTION 5: Funding for the \$100,000 local match would be from the 2021 Parks Department budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2020.