



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE 2014 OUTDOOR RECREATION 50/50 MATCH GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM

Whereas, this resolution will repeal and replace resolution 13:152; and

Whereas, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas seeks to improve the recreation facilities at Southside Ball Park for the Miracle League Project by constructing a bathroom/quiet room and concession stand, and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

Whereas, in order to obtain the funds necessary to develop and/or improve the site for such a recreation area, it is necessary to obtain a 50/50 Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Park's and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program in the amount of \$300,000; and

Whereas, \$150,000 of this amount will come from the Department of Parks and Tourism and \$150,000 will come from the City of Jonesboro; and

Whereas, the \$150,000 coming from the City of Jonesboro is already secured by donations and other private funders in the community; and

Whereas, the plans for such recreation area has been prepared and the price thereof has been established; 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; and

Whereas, the City of Jonesboro 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.

Now Therefore, be it resolved by City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas that:

Section1: the City of Jonesboro is authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities in Southside Ball Park for the construction of the Miracle League - including a bathroom/quiet room and concession stand for said project - for the City of Jonesboro; and

Section 2: Said application shall be submitted as expediently as possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of October, 2013.