



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2023 RAISE GRANT FOR THE NORTH SECTION OF THE ONE JONESBORO QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the application process is now open and proposals are being accepted by the Department of Transportation for the FY 2023 RAISE grant; and

WHEREAS, as the lead applicant, the City of Jonesboro will enter into a regional partnership with the cities of Paragould and Brookland, as well as Craighead and Greene County, to work on the BRIDGE NEA Project and submit the application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed BRIDGE NEA Project will connect the cities of Jonesboro, Paragould and Brookland to Craighead County and Greene County trails. Furthermore, this regional trail system will connect Lake Frierson and Crowley's Ridge State Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro has proposed to complete 21 miles of the ONE Jonesboro Quality of Life and Connectivity Master Plan, including completing the ASTATE and University Heights Link, Joe Mack Campbell Link, and the upper portion of the Red Wolf Way regional loop and in addition to linking north 5 miles to the Craighead County Multi-Use Gravel Trail; and

WHEREAS, Craighead County has already received funding for a Multi-Use Gravel Trail along Highway 141 that connects to Greene County; and

WHEREAS, the Project includes a proposed bus stop linking the City of Brookland to area retail and medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paragould, AR, and Greene County is proposing to link the 8-Mile Creek trail to Crowley Ridge State Park to Lake Frierson State Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is requesting \$18,800,000 for the ONE JONESBORO CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN NORTHERN SECTION plus the link to the connection to the Craighead County Gravel Trail to Lake Frierson State Park, and the City of Paragould and Greene County is requesting \$6,000,000 for the connection of Crowley Ridge State Park to Lake Frierson State Park, and for Phase 1 of this BRIDGE NEA

Project a connecting Bus Stop along Highway 49 in the City of Brookland for \$200,000, therefore making the total grant request for \$25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, In order to competitively position this proposal BRIDGE NEA is offering a shared 20% match.

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 FY23 RAISE Grant application to the United States Department of Transportation.

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

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.