

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MARCH 3, 2015 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>A resolution to grant permission to file a grant application with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for work along Riverfront Drive in order to assist with closing the loop on the Arkansas River Trail.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant and Recreational Trails Program Grant from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>Federal Funds in the amount of \$325,000 will be requested. The grant will require a matching funds in the amount of 20% (\$81,250) of the project. An administration fee of 1% (\$4,063) is also required. The City will assume the costs of the engineering fees and any right of way fees. The funds will be paid as follows: \$85,313. – 2015 Grant Match (AU) 108459-S45A108 (includes the 1% administration fee).</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>The Mayor's Bicycle Friendly Community Committee, as well as other recreational trail users, have all shown support for expansion of the trail which will help “close the loop” of the Arkansas River Trail.</p>	

BACKGROUND

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department requires that local governments pass a resolution supporting grant applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program. This will create “green” dedicated bike lanes from the roundabout near Murray Park to the railroad tracks near Cantrell Road along Riverfront Drive.