

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>To authorize a contract with Dayco Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Arkansas Heritage Farm Project.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Little Rock Zoo</p>	<p>Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Dayco Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Arkansas Heritage Farm Project for the amount of \$756,000 plus 20% for contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$907,200. Construction will include site preparation, substrate, a new contact barn, patio area, play structure, shade, jungle fowl building, chicken coops and the renovation of an existing barn.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>\$756,000 out of City and grant funds, with any contingency funding needed to be paid from private donations or grants, for a total amount not to exceed \$907,200. Funds for this project will come from the following sources: Grants AU 270659 \$125,000 and Capital funds AU32659 of \$631,000 from the sales tax.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>This project was selected for partial grant funding after conducting a public meeting that was advertised through press releases and an advertisement in the newspaper.</p>	

BACKGROUND

This project is to replace the old Children's Farm with a new Arkansas Heritage Farm Project to imitate rural areas within Arkansas. It will allow for education, training, interpretation and programming. The Arkansas Heritage Farm will feature a petting zoo, an open-air exhibit barn, chicken coops and jungle fowl along with an ADA-accessible area that will allow persons with disabilities to not only enter but actually participate in learning and play.