

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 19, 2014 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorize the City Manager to apply to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grants Program to construct a restroom facility at the entrance to the Big Dam Bridge in Murray Park</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to partner with the Big Dam Bridge Foundation to apply for a grant from Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism to build a \$240,000 restroom facility at the foot of the Big Dam Bridge.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The Big Dam Bridge Foundation has raised \$60,000 and has asked the City to provide \$60,000 as the 50% match for the grant. Matching funds to come from the 2015 Grants Match.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>The City of Little Rock held a public hearing on June 26, 2014, and attendees were very supportive of the project. The meeting received media coverage. In addition, the Big Dam Bridge Foundation conducted a survey where 95% of the people responding thought that a restroom facility was needed at this location.</p>	

BACKGROUND

The City of Little Rock has partnered with the Big Dam Bridge Foundation to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Grant which requires a 50/50 match. For several years, temporary bathrooms have been located on the Little Rock side of the Bridge and the Foundation approached the City about obtaining a grant to fund a permanent structure. In 1984, the City leased the land from the United States Corp of Engineers until 2034. If the grant is awarded, the City will be required, via an easement, to permanently maintain the restrooms and if they are required to be moved to another location, then the City will be responsible for the costs of such. Staff has prepared the budget and design concepts for the facility and requests permission from the Board to apply for grant funding for the project.