

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 21, 2018, AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorization to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism’s Outdoor Recreation Grants Program for 2018 grant funding for parks.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>Authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant from Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism to renovate four (4) City Parks.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The City will provide \$250,000.00 as the “dollar for dollar” match for the grant. Matching funds in the amount of \$215,485.34 will come from the 2019 City Budget. An additional match in the amount of \$ 34,514.66 will come from the 2017 Undesignated Grant Match – Accounting Unit 108129 Activity S10G001.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The grant project will renovate playgrounds and related amenities in four (4) parks (Reservoir, Ottenheimer, Kanis, Hanger Hill), including the addition of American Disability Act compliance items. If the grant is awarded, the City will be required (via an easement) to permanently maintain the parks and if any park is ever abandoned, or moved to another location, then the City will be responsible for the costs of establishing a similar park. In addition, all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
CONTINUED**

The project areas 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.; however, they cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use. The project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe, healthful manner.

The City held four (4) public hearings in May and June 2018; three (3) of the meetings were specifically held to gather input from groups including seniors and minorities. These projects received support from the public. The projects are located in Wards 1, 2, 4 and 6.