

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 18, 2015 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 Little Rock Zoo.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Little Rock Zoo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to apply for a grant from Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism in the amount of \$197,500 to build a permanent restroom facility along with shaded rest stations in the entry plaza of the Little Rock Zoo.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The City will provide \$197,500 as the “dollar for dollar” match for the grant. Matching funds to come from the 2016 Grants Match.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>The City of Little Rock held a public hearing on June 25, 2015, and attendees were very supportive of the project. The meeting received media coverage. Prior to this hearing, four (4) additional public meetings were held to gather input from minority groups including, seniors, minorities, persons with disabilities and the Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The project will include restroom facilities for both males, females and an ADA compliant family restroom. Shaded rest stations in the grand plaza will also be included in the project.</p>	

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If the grant is awarded, the City will be required (via an easement) to permanently maintain the restroom facility and if it is required to be moved to another location, then the City will be responsible for the costs of such. Staff has prepared the budget and general design concepts for the facility and requests permission from the Board to apply for grant funding for the project.