

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
March 17, 2026 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>City Application Approval to apply for FEMA grant funds for Rebsamen Tennis Center Safe Room</p> <p>Submitted By: Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Delphone Hubbard City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS	A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute the application for \$7,500,000.00 in FEMA grant funds to cover the cost of constructing an Inclement Weather Safe Room Shelter at Rebsamen Tennis Center.
FISCAL IMPACT	This project cost is approximately \$7.5 million Dollars, with FEMA providing 75% of the funding with the City of providing a 25% match of approximately \$1,891,250.00, which would come from bond proceeds from the millage funds.
RECOMMENDATION	Adopt the Resolution.
BACKGROUND	Award and acceptance of FEMA grant funds would allow the City to fund construction of a Bad Weather Safe Room at Rebsamen Tennis Center capable of providing shelter for approximately 5,500 people in an emergency situation from extreme weather. The facility would provide a multi-use room, restrooms, office, storage, utility spaces, parking and an emergency backup generator. The multi-use room could be utilized for additional uses such as tennis events, classroom, exercise and meeting activities. This facility would provide safe shelter for people in the immediate area and provide space for emergency services when needed.

