



**MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council

**THRU:** Susan Norton, Chief of Staff  
Jonathan Curth, Development Services Director  
Britin Bostick, Long Range Planning/Special Projects Manager

**FROM:** Sherry Smith, Long Range and Preservation Planner

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** **A resolution to accept a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in the amount of \$20,370.00 and to approve a budget adjustment. The grant award is \$20,000 for a historic context statement for the University Heights and Haskell Heights neighborhoods and \$370 for Historic District Commissioner training.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends acceptance of a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) for the 2023 grant year in the amount of \$20,370. \$20,000 of the grant is specified for a historic context statement for the University Heights and Haskell Heights neighborhoods and \$370 is specified for approved Historic District Commissioner training.

**BACKGROUND:**

In December of 2022 City Council approved the application for a Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) in the amount of \$20,370 from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP). The Council also approved a budget adjustment at that time of \$5,000 as a grant match. On February 22, 2023 staff received an email from AHPP that the full grant amount requested was awarded to the City of Fayetteville. This will provide a total project budget for the historic context statement of \$25,000 and training funds for the Historic District Commission and supporting staff to attend training in May.

**DISCUSSION:**

A historic context statement is an identification and evaluation of historical development patterns, history, and recognition of historically significant structures or groupings in the survey area. A qualified consultant will complete this work for the University Heights and Haskell Heights neighborhoods situated to the west of the University of Arkansas main campus. The consultant will prepare a Historic Context Statement for the neighborhoods, which includes narratives, summaries and characteristics of neighborhood property types. The project deliverables are anticipated to support confirming the eligibility of both the neighborhoods and individual structures in the neighborhoods for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The attached grant agreement lays out the requirements for the CLG grant, which is a reimbursement grant. The City must be under contract for the historic context statement project by August 15, 2023 and must complete the grant-funded work by September 30, 2024. Appendix A of the attached grant agreement provides the requirements for Historic Resources Survey and Documentation, and Appendix F states the Professional

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Qualification Standards.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

This will add \$20,000 to the project budget for the University Heights & Haskell Heights Historic Context Statement Project and \$370 to the travel and training budget for Historic District Commissioners and support staff.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF Historic Context Stmt CLG Grant Award, BA Historic Context Stmt CLG Grant Award, 23-CLG-02 Fayetteville\_agreement

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