



MEETING OF MAY 16, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Chris Brown, Public Works Director
Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Matt Mihalevich, Active Transportation Manager

DATE:

SUBJECT: Resolution to apply for Federail-aid Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution expressing the willingness to apply for federal-aid funds and allowing staff to submit applications for 80% federal 20% local matching grants through the Federal Highway Administration, the Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission. Grant projects include the I-49 & Highway 62 interchange, Ruppel Road Lighting, Maple Street Improvements, Drake Street Trail Connection, Safe Routes to School Plan, Millsap Rd. & College Ave Intersection, College Avenue Improvements, and Joyce Blvd. Safety Improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill provides more opportunities for Federal funding assistance. New grant programs, including the Safe Streets for All and Carbon Reduction Programs add to traditional programs like the Transportation Alternatives Program and the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

DISCUSSION:

Eight projects have been identified for application for federal funding as shown below and a spreadsheet is included in the packet with more detail.

| Grant Program | Project Description | Amount Requested |
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| Transportation Alternatives | I-49 – MLK & 15 th St. trail payment to ARDOT | \$300,000 |
| Transportation Alternatives & Carbon Reduction | Ruppel Road Lighting – Persimmon to MLK (Hwy 62) | \$500,000 |
| Transportation Alternatives | Drake Street protected bike lanes and trail connection to Gordon Long Park | \$500,000 |
| Carbon Reduction Program | Safe Routes to School Plan | \$100,000 |
| Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Attributable | Millsap & College Intersection Improvements | \$2,800,000 |
| Safe Streets for All | Maple Street Improvements | \$8,000,000 |
| Safe Streets for All | College Ave. Improvements (Sycamore to Township) | \$8,800,000 |
| Safe Streets for All | Joyce Blvd. (Vantage to Crossover) | \$4,800,000 |

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

If the grants are approved, the City of Fayetteville will be responsible for 20% of the total project cost while Federal funding will provide 80%. Matching funding has been budgeted through various accounts in anticipation of award of grant funding.

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee reviewed the grant project proposals during their April 12th, 2023 meeting and voted unanimously to forward the request to apply to the Transportation Committee.

On April 26th, 2023, the Transportation Committee reviewed the grant project proposals and voted unanimously to forward the request to apply to the full City Council for approval. The grant programs require a resolution with the application and a sample resolution has been included.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF 2023-718 Federal Aid Grants, 2023_Sample_Resolution, Federal Grant Funding Schedule, Federal Aid Grant Project Concept Plans

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