



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-1284

Carbon Reduction Program Grant for Safe Routes to School Plan

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, in August 2023, City staff applied for and was awarded \$100,000.00 through the Carbon Reduction Program to fund 80% of the cost of a Safe Route to School Plan for Fayetteville Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the required 20% match is being provided through a joint partnership between the Fayetteville Public School District and the City of Fayetteville each providing \$12,500.00 to meet the \$25,000.00 total match requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to sign an agreement of understanding with the Arkansas Department of Transportation, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, for a Safe Routes to School Plan for Fayetteville Public Schools and any additional grant documents as necessary to receive the funds for this project.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a budget adjustment, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, recognizing the grant funds and the \$12,500.00 contribution from Fayetteville Public Schools.



MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 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: Carbon Reduction Program Grant for Safe Routes to School Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an Agreement of Understanding with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for a Safe Routes to School Plan for Fayetteville Public Schools made possible through the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and approving a budget adjustment to recognize \$100,000.00 in federal-aid funding and \$12,500.00 from Fayetteville Public Schools and authorizing the Mayor to sign additional grant documents as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58), also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL), came into law. The BIL authorizes a new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) codified at 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 175 to reduce transportation emissions. In August 2023, City staff applied for and was awarded \$100,000 in (CRP) to fund 80% of the cost of a Safe Route to School Plan for Fayetteville Public Schools.

DISCUSSION:

Fayetteville Public Schools, with more than 10,000 enrolled students, generate more than 3.5 million commuting trips every year. These account for a large portion of the daily transportation demand on Fayetteville’s streets, sidewalks and trails.

Goals for the Safe Route to School Plan are to include survey and GIS data analysis for each of FPS’ 16 campuses, recommendations for infrastructure improvements, identifying funding opportunities, benchmarking and goals for increasing the number of parents, students, faculty and staff commuting to and from school using active modes of transportation such as walking and biking.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The City of Fayetteville has been awarded \$100,000 in federal-aid funding by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission through the Carbon Reduction Program. The required 20 percent match is being provided through a joint partnership between the Fayetteville Public School District and the City of Fayetteville each providing \$12,500 to meet the \$25,000 total match requirement. Fayetteville’s funding for the match has been budgeted through general funds in the Mobility / Trail Improvements program.

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ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), BA (#4), FPS Letter of Support (#5), ARDOT CRP Packet (#6)