



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2024-1714

2024 Federal Aid Transportation Grant Applications

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: RUPPLE ROAD LIGHTING, DRAKE STREET TRAIL CONNECTION, MILLSAP RD. & COLLEGE AVENUE INTERSECTION, STEPHEN CARR MEMORIAL DRIVE/I-49 INTERCHANGE, AND MLK WALKABILITY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission has issued a call for projects to be funded with Federal-Aid funds suballocated to Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the funding for selected projects will be at the following Federal and Local participating rations, up to the maximum Federal-aid available:

Type Work	Work Phase	Federal %	City %
Projects that reach construction	Preliminary Engineering	80%	20%
	Right-of-Way	80%	20%
	Utilities	80%	20%
	Construction	80%	20%
	Construction Engineering	80%	20%
Projects that never progress to construction	All Phases	0%	100%

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 authorizes the application submittal for the Ruppel Road Lighting, Drake Street Trail Connection, Millsap Rd. & College Ave. Intersection, Stephen Carr Memorial Drive/I-49 Interchange, and MLK Walkability Improvement projects.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities in these projects, including providing of the local match requirement.

Section 3: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of these projects.

Section 4: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission to initiate action to implement these projects.



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Chris Brown, Public Works Director
 Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Matt Mihalevich, Active Transportation Manager
SUBJECT: **2024 Federal Aid Transportation Grant Applications**

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 Ruppel Road Lighting, Drake Street Trail Connection, Millsap Rd. & College Ave Intersection, Stephen Carr Memorial Drive/I-49 Interchange, and MLK Walkability Improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill provides more opportunities for Federal funding assistance. Grant programs administered regionally through the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission include the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), the Surface Transportation Block Grant-Attributable (STBGP-A) Program, and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). In total, these programs will provide over \$15 million in funding for the Northwest Arkansas Region. Additionally, the State Department of Transportation offers a statewide grant opportunity through their Transportation Alternatives Program.

DISCUSSION:

Five projects have been identified for application for federal funding as shown below:

Grant Program	Existing/New Project	Project Description	Amount Requested
CRP/TAP	New	Ruppel Road Lighting – Persimmon to MLK (Hwy 62)	\$500,000
TAP	Existing	Drake Street protected bike lanes and trail connection to Gordon Long Park	\$500,000
STBGP-A	Existing	Millsap & College Intersection Improvements	\$1,900,000
STBGP-A	New	Stephen Carr/I-49 Interchange (Design)	\$650,000
TAP/CRP	New	MLK Walkability Improvements	\$500,000

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.

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On January 30th, 2024, the Transportation Committee reviewed the grant project proposals and voted unanimously to forward the request to apply to the full City Council for approval to apply. The grant programs require a resolution be included with the application.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), Call for Projects - NWARPC (#4)