



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2024-1782

A resolution to accept a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in the amount of \$40,000.00 and to approve a budget adjustment. The grant award is \$30,000 for a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for the University and Haskell Heights neighborhoods and \$10,000 for a historic context statement for the Spout Spring neighborhood.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR THE UNIVERSITY-HASKELL HEIGHTS CONTEXT STUDY AND THE SPOUT SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT STATEMENT, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution 274-23 authorizing an application for grants from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program to complete the University-Haskell Heights Context Study and the development of a context statement for the Spout Spring Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the City was notified that grant funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 have been awarded for these projects.

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 accept a Certified Local Government Grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the completion of the University-Haskell Heights Context Study and the development of a context statement for the Spout Spring Neighborhood, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to receive the funds.

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.



MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2024

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 Griffith, Long Range and Preservation Planner

SUBJECT: **A resolution to accept a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in the amount of \$40,000.00 and to approve a budget adjustment. The grant award is \$30,000 for a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for the University and Haskell Heights neighborhoods and \$10,000 for a historic context statement for the Spout Spring neighborhood.**

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends acceptance of a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) for the 2024 grant year in the amount of \$40,000. \$30,000 of the grant is for a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for the University Heights and Haskell Heights neighborhoods and \$10,000 is for a historic context statement for the Spout Spring neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:

In December of 2023 City Council approved the application for a Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) in the amount of \$40,000 from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP). The Council also approved a budget adjustment at that time of \$15,000 as a grant match. On February 23, 2024, staff received a letter from AHPP that the full grant amount requested was awarded to the City of Fayetteville.

DISCUSSION:

A Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) is a valuable tool to nominate groups of related, significant properties organized by the themes, trends, and patterns of history they share. Although the MPDF is a cover document and not a nomination itself, it will serve as a basis for evaluating the eligibility of these properties for the National Register of Historic Places and may be used to nominate and register thematically related historic properties concurrently. The project deliverables are anticipated to support confirming the eligibility of both the University Heights and Haskell Heights neighborhoods and individual structures in the neighborhoods for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The MPDF is a continuation of the current project to write a historic context statement for the University Heights and Haskell Heights neighborhoods, which began in 2023 with the support of a CLG grant in the amount of \$20,000 from AHPP and a \$5,000 match from the Fayetteville City Council.

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 Spout Spring neighborhood located directly east and southeast of Fayetteville's downtown. The approximate boundary of the area proposed for the historic context statement project is East

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Lafayette Street to the north, North Fletcher Avenue and South Wood Avenue to the east, 15th Street to the south, and North College Avenue to the west. A project consultant will prepare a historic context statement for the project area, to include narratives, summaries and characteristics of neighborhood property types and development patterns. The project deliverables are expected to provide research and documentation as background to the proposed establishment of the Spout Spring local historic district and the project will be reviewed with both the Historic District Commission and Black Heritage Preservation Commission.

The CLG grant provides funding on a reimbursement basis once the funded project or projects are complete. Since early 2022 the City of Fayetteville has been awarded more than \$100,000 in CLG grant funds by AHPP and has successfully completed all grant project requirements. The current grant term begins on March 15, 2024. The City must be under contract for both the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) project and the historic context statement project by August 15, 2024 and must complete the grant-funded work by September 30, 2025.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

Acceptance will add \$30,000 to the project budget for the University Heights & Haskell Multiple Documentation Form project budget and \$10,0000 to the Spout Spring Historic Context Statement project budget.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), Revised SRF (#4), BA (#5), Revised BA (#6), Grant Award Notification (#7), 24-CLG-03_Fayetteville (#8)

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