

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MAY 2, 2017 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution authorizing grant applications with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for trail expansion.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for 12th Street to War Memorial Trail and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant for Ottenheimer Park Trails from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department</p> <p>Federal Funds in the amount of \$400,000 will be requested. The grants will require matching funds in the amount of 20% of the project grant amount (\$80,000). Matching funds will be paid from the Street Fund and will be included in the 2018 City Budget.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The proposed TAP Grant, 12th Street to War Memorial Trail, is for the construction of a new bicycle and pedestrian trail connection between 12th Street, the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library & Learning Center, the Little Rock Zoo and War Memorial Park's walking loop.</p>	

The proposed RTP grant, Ottenheimer Park Trails, is for the renovation and addition of trails at the park. A key function of Ottenheimer Park is to house Little Rock's Therapeutic Recreation Program, which helps its mobility-challenged community live fuller, more independent lives. These improvements will make it a more suitable resource for the Therapeutic Recreation Program and the neighborhood.

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department requires that local governments pass a resolution supporting grant applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program. These projects are located in Wards 2 and 3.