RESOLUTION NO. R-1/5-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith desires to develop a viable community, including expanding economic opportunities and improving the quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith is continuously looking for funding opportunities for the numerous projects that require repair and/or renovation to current infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, Department of Defense released a Notice of Funding Opportunity Number OLDCC-23-328. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) provides \$100 million for this project; and

WHEREAS, under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program local governments can obtain funding to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation; and

WHEREAS, the Towson Avenue Water Utilities Relocation and Overlay Project meets all the criteria for serious consideration of funding under this pilot program and upon awarding of said grant would decrease the City of Fort Smith out of pocket costs from \$24 Million to \$4 Million.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:

The City of Fort Smith Board of Directors approves the submission of a proposal for the DCIP grant application opportunity and further grants authorization to Jurena L. Storm, Government Affairs Liaison, to submit said proposal and subsequent grant application on behalf of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

This Resolution adopted this 20th day of June 2023.

APPROVED:

City Clark

Approved as to Form.

No Publication Required