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AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE	AGENDA NO.
Bishop Park Lighting	AGENDA DATE: 6/24/2025

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

ITEM HISTORY (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

The City of Bryant previously applied for this project through the ArDOT TAP grant in 2024 but was not awarded funding. The City has reapplied and is awaiting notification. In the meantime, the City is pursuing this alternative grant opportunity to support the project's implementation. This application is recommended by the Parks Committee for City Council approval.

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

The City of Bryant is seeking funding through the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program, administered by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to improve safety and accessibility at Bishop Park. The project involves installing exterior lighting in walkable areas and parking lots around the baseball and softball complex. Currently, inadequate lighting limits evening use and poses safety risks for pedestrians. The proposed improvements will enhance visibility, create a more secure environment, and encourage greater use of the park. The total estimate project cost is $297,580, with the City committing a 20% match of $59,516. (Capital Assets - Infrastructure GL#: 001-0430-5816)

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BRYANT TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Bryant City Council has determined that the City of Bryant meets the eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a grant under the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant has presented a plan to apply for funding for exterior lights at Bishop Park, and

WHEREAS, Bryant City Council recognizes the need for the project, concurs with its importance, and supports the City of Bryant in its efforts to proceed with the same, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant understands that, if selected, the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program funds are available at 80% with a 20% local match.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BRYANT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION I: Bryant City Council agrees to include the local match requirements within its budget for FFY 2025 and subsequent years as necessary. The Capital Assets - Infrastructure account (GL Line: 001-0430-5816) will cover the local match requirement.

SECTION II: the City of Bryant will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

SECTION III: Mayor Chris Treat is hereby authorized to submit and administer an application of formal request to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for purpose of securing state grant funds to aid and assist the City of Bryant in executing the proposed project.

SECTION IIII: Bryant City Council pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 24th day of June, 2025.

Signed: _____
Chris Treat
Mayor of Bryant

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL)

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