

City of Conway, Arkansas Resolution No. <u>R-13-47</u>

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A JUMP START GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ALONG MARKHAM STREET.

Whereas, the City of Conway has applied for a Jump Start Grant through Metroplan and the Imagine Central Arkansas Partners for up to \$180,000 for project plans that address economic development, transportation, housing, development patterns, health and environmental needs; and

Whereas, the City of Conway understands the grant requires up to \$40,000 in match and up to \$10,000 in advertising and promotion of the project if awarded, and that any additional match or in-kind contributions which count as match, provided by partners in the project, will be used to offset the City's financial obligation of match; and

Whereas, the City of Conway recognizes that the future redevelopment of land currently occupied by Conway Scrap Metal will open up opportunities for redevelopment of the Markham Street Area, a section of downtown, and this area fits well with the goals of the Jump Start Program to develop the region's experience and knowledge base for creating more livable communities, catalyzing further development in the region; and

Whereas, the City of Conway is committed to being a partner in fostering expanded job opportunities, workforce development training, entrepreneurship, and a strong tax base; and

Whereas, the City of Conway understands that the project may need Council Action on items such as, but not limited to, revisions to or adoption of ordinances, modifications to form-based code and design guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City of Conway, Arkansas does hereby express its support for the Markham Street Project facilitated through the Jump Start Grant, and will fully support the allocation of match funds should the grant be awarded. In addition, the City of Conway will consider the recommendations brought forth in the design process as is financially feasible and publicly supported. The Director of Community Development and/or the Mayor are hereby given the authority to sign agreements and contracts regarding the project.

PASSED this 16th day of September, 2013

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor Tab Townsell

Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer