



City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-24-01

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CONWAY FOR CONWAY CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR A GRID RESILIENCE AND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP (GRIP) GRANT

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Deployment office recently introduced a funding opportunity for financial assistance for local governments to collaborate with electric sector owners and operations to deploy projects that use innovative approaches to transmission, storage, and distribution infrastructure to enhance grid resilience and reliability; and

Whereas, Conway Corporation operates the electric, water, wastewater and broadband utilities owned by the City of Conway; and

Whereas, the program will assist Conway Corporation in the construction of the first phase of a 69 kV loop, including 2 substations and 5 miles of 69 kV transmission lines on the east side of Conway, Arkansas; and

Whereas, a concept paper is due January 12, DOE Responses to concept papers are due February 2024 and the full application is due April 17, 2024; and

Whereas, as a small utility Conway Corporation will be applying for the grant that requires a one-third cost match; and

Whereas, Conway Corporation will provide the \$12,570,750 cost match for the \$50,000,000 grant.

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

Section 1. City of Conway is in full support of Conway Corporation's application for the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program Grant.

Section 2. If awarded, Conway Corporation will be the recipient of this award and responsible for ensuring the use of the award is eligible.

Section 3. Conway Mayor Bart Castleberry is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the above stated project, if awarded.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 9th day of January, 2024.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer