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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR 2024 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RECYCLE BIKES FOR KIDS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock City Council has previously authorized the Mayor to submit an application to obtain Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the purpose of conducting biking and bike safety programs for the benefit of adolescents in the City (Resolution No. 9192, adopted April 10, 2017; Resolution 9870, adopted June 22, 2020; and Resolution 10292, adopted June 13, 2022); and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department proposes to continue to work with Recycle Bikes for Kids, a local non-profit corporation, to provide proper bicycle safety training for children and to promote biking as a healthy and positive activity for the children and youth of North Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reapply for TAP grant funds for conducting a biking and bike safety program for the benefit of adolescents of the City, and understands it will be responsible for a 20% local matching share if the TAP grant funds are awarded to and accepted by it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application on behalf of the City of North Little Rock for grant funding from the Arkansas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a bicycle safety program for the benefit of the City's adolescents (see Grant Project Application attached hereto as Exhibit A).

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

*Terry C. Hartwick*  
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Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

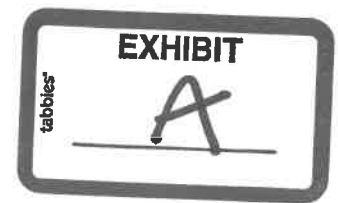
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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE NLR FINANCE DEPARTMENT/FORMATTED  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

FILED <u>10:50</u> A.M. _____ P.M.
By <u>A. Fields</u>
DATE <u>5-21-24</u>
<b>Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector</b> <b>North Little Rock, Arkansas</b>
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1. What is the purpose of this program?

- To promote biking as a healthy and positive activity to the children of Little Rock and North Little Rock. Participants will learn about the protective gear and safety skills that are essential to navigating the road responsibly. Participants will learn basic maintenance skills to be able to repair and maintain their bikes long after the program ends.
- To increase the number of children safely using bicycles in their daily lives as they journey to and from school and local parks, and participate in other daily activities. The overall goal is to develop a generation of healthy, responsible citizens who are also safe cyclists.
- To empower participants to feel confident maintaining and commuting on their bicycles, and encourage sustainable alternatives to car transportation.

2. If a planning process has been utilized to develop this program, please describe what actions were performed (i.e. public involvement/outreach, establishment of need and demand, review process, etc.) (600 character limit)

- Our long-standing relationship with the North Little Rock community has demonstrated our ability to successfully serve its children and families.
- Our partners and volunteers have a wealth of experience in bike advocacy and education, and have helped develop our program to meet those needs.
- Our Program Manager is also a League Certified Instructor with the League of American Bicyclists, giving her access to a tested smart cycling curriculum and experience with safety instruction.
- We have completed several iterations of this program previously, and have thoroughly documented successes and shortcomings to improve the program with every recurrence.

3. Please describe how this program will benefit the affected community(ies). If this is a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) eligible program, include what schools will benefit.

- This program will be a continuation of Recycle Bikes' mission for the past 16 years, to get every kid a bike. Children at up to 2 North Little Rock elementary schools including Boone Park Elementary, as well as other community groups who visit our shop, will receive the benefit of our instruction and resources and come away with valuable practical skills, the necessary knowledge to ride safely to school or any other destination, and the ability to maintain their very own bikes.

4. If this is a SRTS targeted non-infrastructure program, describe how it pertains to the 5E's (Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, and Evaluation).

4a. How does this program Educate the target audience? (400 character limit)

We will lead a series of bike education classes to elementary age students including lessons in bike basics, road safety, maintenance, and repair. These classes will also include practical applications through hands-on repair activities, skills tests, and group rides.

4b. How does this program Encourage behavior? (400 character limit)

This program will occur on a weekly basis in S.T.E.M. and P.E. classes, and at our shop. This consistency will help to promote biking as a routine part of students' lives, and generate enthusiasm for cycling as an alternative form of transportation.

4c. Is this program centered around the use of existing infrastructure? If not how will future Engineering improvements inspire behavior?

(400 character limit)

This program will center on the use of existing roads and trails in North Little Rock, and the neighborhood streets around Boone Park Elementary School.

4d. If Enforcement is a component of this program, how will safety be assured? (400 character limit)

We will provide participants with properly fitted helmets that they will be required to wear during every drill and ride. We will also provide reflective wear, bike lights, and bells to every participant, and instruct participants in road safety protocol to be enforced on every ride.

4e. How will the practice of the previous E's be Evaluated or monitored? How will you determine if this program has been successful? (400 character limit)

We will identify children that will most benefit from this program, educate them on road safety and bike maintenance, and reinforce lessons with hands-on demonstrations, drills, and group rides. The program will be successful if all participants pass a series of skills checks and a road test to League of American Bicyclist standards.

# Program Estimate

This form is limited to 20 items. If you will have more than 20 items, please utilize the provided Excel Sheet to submit the Program Estimate.

	<b>Item of Work</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Item Cost</b>
1	Staff Time	1		\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
2	Print Costs	1		\$200.00	\$200.00
3	Shop Equipment	1		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
4	Safety Supplies	1		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5	Bike Supplies	1		\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
6	Shop Overhead	1		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
7	End of Program Activities	1		\$300.00	\$300.00

Total Estimated Program Cost

Requested TAP Funds

Maximum = \$500,000

Local Match (20% minimum)

\$8,000.00

% Federal (80% maximum) 80%

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## Funding

### Matching Funds

What is the source of the funds that will be used to match the federal funds (e.g. sales tax, turnback, bonds, etc.)? Please note that federal funds cannot be used to match TAP funds. (100 character limit)

Park fund revenues

### **Project Scalability**

If the entire requested amount of funding is not available and only partial funding is received, will the sponsor still be able to move forward with this program by either providing the additional funding or reducing the scope of the program?

Yes                       No

### **Previous Federal Funding**

If this program is in support of a project that has received Federal TAP or RTP funds previously, please describe the current status of the project(s). (500 character limit)

We are currently in the process of completing this program in partnership with Boone Park Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the program working on practical bike riding and road safety skills. The program will culminate in a group ride of all participants including parents and staff at Boone Park.

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