

RESOLUTION 2021-070

PASSED: AUGUST 23, 2021

AUTHORIZING AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT TO THE DEKALB PARK DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FROM FUND 110 (110-00-00-63800).

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb (the "City") is a home rule unit pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "ARPA") provided funds to the City to allocate and make available to eligible non-entitlement units of local government ("NEUs"), such as the DeKalb Park District (the "DPD"), for ARPA eligible uses, such as the replacement of lost governmental revenues due to COVID-19 to be used for the provision of governmental services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the DPD has requested distribution of ARPA funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to replace lost revenues due to COVID-19 and to support governmental services and infrastructure (the "DPD ARPA Funds"); and

WHEREAS, the City's corporate authorities find that it is in the City's best interests for the protection of public health, safety, morals and welfare to approve the DPD ARPA Funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The City's corporate authorities approve the distribution of \$50,000.00 in ARPA funds from Fund 110 to the DPD to replace lost revenues due to COVID-19 and to support governmental services and infrastructure, subject to and contingent upon the following terms, conditions and limitations: (1) the DPD's compliance with ARPA and all applicable rules and regulations for the eligibility, distribution, use and reporting of the DPD ARPA Funds; (2) the DPD's agreement to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, damages, fines, losses, liabilities, refunds, recoupments, costs and attorney's fees relating to; or arising out of; the eligibility, distribution, use and reporting of the DPD ARPA Funds; and (3) the DPD's acceptance of the DPD ARPA Funds shall constitute the DPD's acceptance of the terms, conditions and limitations provided herein.

SECTION 2: This resolution and each of its terms shall be the effective legislative act of a home rule municipality without regard to whether such resolution should (a) contain terms contrary to the provision of current or subsequent non-preemptive state law, or (b) legislate in a manner or regarding a matter not delegated to municipalities by state law. It is the intent of the corporate authorities of the City of DeKalb that to the extent that the terms of this resolution should be inconsistent with any non-preemptive state law, that this resolution shall supersede state law in that regard within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois at a Regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of August 2021 and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. Passed by

7-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Morris, Larson, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Faivre, Barnes. Nay: None.
Absent: Verbic.




COHEN BARNES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ruth A. Scott, Executive Assistant



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July 30, 2021

Mr. Bill Nicklas
City Manager
City of DeKalb

Mr. Nicklas,

Annually the DeKalb Park District's fiscal year begins March 1st and concludes February 28th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions put in place through the State of Illinois' Restore Illinois Plan, the Park District was unable to provide our annual scope of programming for the community resulting in user fees being \$611,000 under budget.

The program restrictions put in place throughout the fiscal year, prohibited the Park District to utilize and implement indoor programming. Staff took initiative and encouraged residents to utilize our 44 park sites. With the increase usage to our park sites, brought additional maintenance needs and unfortunately, we saw an increase in vandalism to our neighborhood parks. In the recent months Lions, Hopkins, and Welsh Parks have experienced consistent vandalism and damages to pieces of equipment throughout the sites. Staff have been able to repair damages and equipment, as needed, but have begun researching additional security measures to decrease the amount of vandalism and ensure public safety.

Staff engaged with NICOMM Networks, Machesney Park, IL, the company currently responsible for our security cameras, to discuss additional security measures throughout our park sites and facilities. At the conclusion of a thorough review of our parks/facilities, the Park District received a quote between \$85,000.00 and \$100,000.00 to address our security concerns.

The Park District and City of DeKalb work jointly to ensure the safety of our community and residents. The Park District is seeking assistance with the implementation of additional security equipment throughout our parks system. With a contribution from the City of DeKalb, the Park District will be able to ensure the safety of current and future generations who visit our parks and facilities.

The Park District looks forward to partnering with the City of DeKalb to achieve this safety initiative and we thank you in advance for your consideration and potential contribution.

If you have any questions, regarding the park security project, please feel free to contact me directly at (779) 777-7265.

Cordially,

John S. Shea, Jr.
Executive Director
DeKalb Park District