



## Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)

VISIT Ark City is very excited to hear of the plans to add Pickleball courts to Wilson Park. Thank you to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF) for considering us for your grant application.

Pickleball has really become popular in our community, especially with the near retirement age population in our town. It is a fun sport that is affordable for all ages to participate. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have an outdoor court available to use and our players are forced to drive to a neighboring community to enjoy the sport. Adding courts to Wilson Park would not only enhance our park but would allow us to host tournaments with our communities nearby. Cowley County has several small communities that would benefit from this.

The local recreation center does offer an indoor court and those participating in the sport of Pickleball is growing rapidly. Having an alternate course available offering outdoor play would be a huge advantage to our community. We are interested in getting the youth involved to offer a fun family entertainment option to enhance the health and wellness of citizens of all ages.

Thank you for your consideration,

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