



Dear Arkansas City Commission,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Arty Hicks, I am writing to you on behalf of the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce, located at 106 S. Summit. We are reaching out to request funding support from the Arkansas City Commission on behalf of Visit Ark City for an important initiative that will benefit our community.

Visit Ark City plays a crucial role in promoting tourism and showcasing the cultural and economic opportunities that Arkansas City has to offer. As a pivotal organization dedicated to enhancing our city's visibility and attractiveness to visitors, we firmly believe that establishing a new larger dedicated office space for Visit Ark City within our building will greatly amplify their efforts.

The proposed office space will serve as a central hub for Visit Ark City to conduct their operations effectively. It will enable them to better coordinate promotional activities, engage with local businesses and stakeholders, and enhance visitor experiences through improved information dissemination and outreach.

To achieve this goal, we are requesting financial support in the amount of \$20,000 from Visit Ark Cities Transient Guest Tax Fund. This funding will cover the costs associated with building a larger office space within our building to accommodate the needs of Visit Ark City.

By investing in this initiative, the Arkansas City Commission will not only support the growth and success of Visit Ark City but also contribute to the overall economic development and prosperity of our community. A larger dedicated office space will enable Visit Ark City to expand their reach, attract more visitors, and showcase Arkansas City as a premier destination in our region.

We are committed to working closely with Visit Ark City and the Arkansas City Commission to ensure the effective utilization of these funds and the successful implementation of this project. Together, we can create a lasting impact on tourism promotion and economic growth in Arkansas City.

We have met with the Board of Directors of Visit Ark City (and received their approval), and the City Manager who talked it over with the City Attorney Larry Schwartz and he agreed the expense would qualify within the bylaws Visit Ark City and the City of Arkansas City have in place for accessing these reserve funds.

Thank you for considering our request. I am available at your convenience to discuss this proposal further and provide any additional information you may require. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

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Arty Hicks

The Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce

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Jill Hunter

Visit Ark City