

AGENDA ACTION FORM

<u>Consideration of a Resolution for Bays Mountain Park to apply for the Tennessee Heritage</u> <u>Conservation Trust Fund Grant</u>

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager

Action Form No.:AF-350-2024Work Session:Dec. 16, 2024First Reading:Dec. 17, 2024

Final Adoption:Dec. 17, 2024Staff Work By:Megan KragerPresentation By:Michael T. Boarders

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

If approved the City will apply for a Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) Grant through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in the amount of <u>\$105,000</u> for the purpose of acquiring 38.68 acres of land adjacent to the west end of Bays Mountain Park (BMP).

HCTF was established to assist the state in permanently conserving and preserving tracts of land within the State of Tennessee for the purposes of promoting tourism and recreation. Projects that leverage additional funds and partnerships receive greater consideration for funding. In FY23 <u>HCTF expended</u> <u>\$1.2m dollars</u> on grants.

HCTF allows funding for pre-acquired parcels, grant funded acquisition (HCTF conducts acquisition), and reimbursement acquisitions. The City will be pursuing a reimbursement acquisition. The application is requesting that <u>HCTF reimburse the City for a third of the cost of land acquisition</u> with the Bays Mountain Park Commission providing a third and other funds providing a third for a total of \$315,000.

The grant application is due <u>December 20, 2024.</u> HCTF is meeting to consider awards on <u>January 14, 2025</u>. We expect award notifications <u>shortly after HCTF's meeting</u>.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Grant Application

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