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### **City awarded TAP grant for trail to university**

The City of Jonesboro has received a grant for almost \$500,000 in Transportation Alternatives Program funding from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for a pedestrian/bicycle path between downtown and Arkansas State University.

The grant, totaling \$449,770, includes a \$99,954 local match. It will address Jonesboro's ongoing desire to connect its downtown and university with a safe, accessible pathway for residents and ASU students.

"This is a component of our master bicycle and walking trail that is currently under development," Mayor Harold Perrin said. "Now we're working with the university to make it a team effort."

The city applied for the grant after a survey determined that 47 percent of Jonesboro residents identified the trail as the city's No. 1 priority for ArDOT funding.

"The funding will enhance our quality of place, and I look forward to visiting with residents about their thoughts," Jonesboro Director of Community Development Tiffny Calloway said.

The route of the trail has not been determined.

"We still have some input to receive on that, and we're working with ASU," Perrin said.

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