

Clarksville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce
10 Year Progress Report

Organized & Implemented:

- Organized and defined sense of direction of Chamber and Development Foundation
- Established 6 county COMPACT & website
- Established CJC Development Foundation (501 C-3)
- Coordinate efforts to stop dissolution of Clarksville Light & Water commission
- Chamber Sign/Community Marquee
- Completed environmental studies for potential industrial sites (Childers, Hewgley Properties) \$16,050.00
- Downtown Historic District established
- Nominated & received Clarksville Volunteer Community of the Year Award in 05', 07' & 08'
- Mailing information on City/County for tourism/relocation
- Community, retail, industry, & workforce surveys
- Free Rides for Senior Program – Graduated 151
- Creek Fest
- Arkansas Scholars Program
- Johnson County Leadership Program
- ACE Certification – 1st County in state, City 3 times & County 2 times
- Artwaves
- 1 cent sales tax for City
- Vacation Packages on Website
- KIXO advertising for Member of the Week and speaking engagements to promote & update public on events
- Welcome to Arkansas Program
- Welcome sign on I-40
- Site Manager for the Arkansas Site Selection Center
- New web-site for promotion of city and county, revitalized 2 times
- County coordinator for Governors Vision Plan “Arkansas Works”
- Administer grants for local Non-Profits
- Produce the official Clarksville/Johnson County Map
- Produce the annual Directory to advertise and promote Clarksville
- Conduct free Hospitality training for Businesses annually
- Holiday activities: Lighting ceremony, Merchant’s Open House, Christmas Parade
- Compilation of key demographic indicators, education, economic & other data

Economic Development

- Request for Information sent to potential industries & commercial businesses
- Correspondence & phone conversations to potential new businesses & industries to come to our County
- Liaison with State Agencies and AEDC office for Clarksville & Johnson County.

Business Retention & Expansion

- HBI, BHSP, Nulyne, Night Light, and MSR – Tax Back Program & Incentives
- Organized Workforce Training classes for community
- Established Johnson County Area Workforce Consortium
- Annual visits to all industries within the city & county
- Written surveys compiled on industries yearly
- Telephone calls to area industries & business on regular basis

GRANTS

Fire Department Grants - \$71,000.00

Johnson County Fire Departments (Fire Wise)
Knoxville Fire Department
Rural Fire Departments (10 defibrillators)

Education Grants - \$104,164.20

Arkansas Scholars Program
Federal Home Loan Bank
WCAPD Grant
TEA Coalition
Wal-Mart

Health - \$52,000.00

Tobacco Grant
Health Fair
Community Services (Lamar Health Fair)

Police Department Grants - \$81,750.00

National Night Out
Cop & Schools Program for Lamar

Infrastructure Grants - \$2,927,782.00

Water Extension in Knoxville
HBI Expansion
BHSP Expansion
Nulyne Expansion
MSR Expansion
Palmer Rd. Extension
Pre-Application for Brown Mountain Area Water Extension Project

Environmental/Energy Grants - \$8,000.00

Recycle Works (Environmental Fair)
Energy Grant for Windows at Courthouse

Workforce Training Grants - \$8,500.00

CenturyTel (computers)
CenturyTel (Projector)

Park Grants - \$326,458.00

Spadra Walking Trail
Spadra Creek Project
Spadra Creek Design & Architecture
New Park Equipment – Clarksville (all 4 parks)
Coal Hill City Park

Visual Art Grants - \$3,000.00

Art Waves
Recycle Works

Advertising & Promotion Grants - \$26,867.00

Arkansas River Valley Tri-Peaks Region

Community Grants - \$223,069.23

Organize Johnson County Resource Alliance
Creek Fest
Woodland Community Building (revitalization)
Ozone Community Building (revitalization)

Youth

Boxing Club Grant

Boy Scouts

Youth Safety Gun Grants

Senior

Johnson County Senior Center Expansion

Free Rides for Seniors

Low Income

Johnson County Food Drives

GRAND TOTAL FOR GRANTS: \$3,832,590.43