



DAVIDSON COUNTY AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

PREPARED BY: Ms. Debbie Harris

TITLE: ARPA Tourism Grant Application - Yadkin River Park Environmental Center

BACKGROUND:

Parks and Recreation Staff requests approval to apply for an American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant to construct an approximately 2,000 square foot Environmental Center at the Yadkin River Park. Based on preliminary estimates, the cost for this project is estimated to be \$1,563,100. If funded, the grant will require a 20% match from the County. This information is detailed in the table below:

Environmental Center	\$	700,000
Site Preparation	\$	300,000
New Park Drive to Parking	\$	80,000
40-Space Parking Lot	\$	140,000
Water	\$	36,000
Power	\$	25,000
Renovate Existing Septic Field	\$	40,000
Contingency	\$	100,000
Design, Survey, Geotech	\$	142,100
Total Project Estimate	\$	1,563,100

Estimated County Match (20%) \$ 312,620

Estimated Grant Amount (80%) \$ 1,250,480

In order to apply for this grant, Parks and Recreation would like to employ the services of Jeff Ashbaugh with Alfred Benesch & Co. to assist with preparing the grant application. Staff also requests approval to use PBB funds in the amount of \$7,500 to pay for these services. A budget amendment will be necessary to appropriate these funds.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Staff recommends approval to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant. Staff also recommends using \$7,500 in PBB funds (Appropriated Fund Balance – 110-9701-399.00-00) to hire the consultant to assist with preparing the grant application (Contracted Services – 110-3702-422.60-10).

Attachments