



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Title: PARTF Grant Application

Presenters: Linda Giltz, Eric Hardy

Accompanying documents: Grant Justification
Basic Facts and Assurances
Riverside Park Expansion Site Plan
Project Costs
Matching Funds

Meeting Date: April 20, 2021

Summary:

The NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) solicits grants applications annually from local governments. PARTF grants help “local governments reach their park and public access goals to improve the quality of life in their communities. The allocation process is highly competitive, and though the Town received a PARTF grant in the past, the most recent application associated with the Woodfin Greenway and Blueway was not awarded. The application deadline for 2021 is May 1st, and the Town expects to increase the application’s scoring for this grant cycle.

Approval from the Town Board is necessary to proceed with the application. Approval denotes that the Board:

- Attests to the estimated costs that the grant is intended to fund.
- Agrees to provide a dollar-for-dollar minimum should the grant be awarded.
- Authorizes the mayor to sign documentation and staff to proceed with the application submittal.

Process and Timeline:

Town staff and our partner grants administrator will continue to gather outstanding data, will conduct a public forum, and finalize and the submit the application prior to May 1st.

Budget Impact:

The application seeks \$400,000 to offset capital costs for the construction of Riverside Park.

Recommendation/Next Steps:

Staff recommends approval of the request to submit the PARTF Grant Application.