



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 1/21/2020

New Business

Department:
Recreation Services
Budget

Presenter(s):
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Contact(s): Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services

Subject: Woodfin Greenway

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County has been awarded several grants that correspond to the Woodfin Greenway Project for the design and construction of two greenway segments.

Segment: Beaverdam Creek

Extent: MSD Offices at Elk Mountain Road to Woodfin Ave (approximately adjacent to Beaverdam Creek)

Funding: Construction - \$2 million (\$1.6 million Federal Highway Administration Surface and \$400k required county match)

Segment: Riverside Drive

Extent: MSD Offices at Elk Mountain Road to Broadway Ave (approximately adjacent to Riverside Drive and French Broad River)

Funding: Design - \$660,000 (\$528,000 Federal Highway Administration Surface and \$132k required county match) Construction - \$3 million (\$2.4 million Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant and \$600k required county match)

The Woodfin Greenway Project is part of a larger recreation destination concept funded by a Woodfin bond referendum and the Tourism Product Development Fund of the Buncombe Tourism Development Authority. The larger concept includes a whitewater wave, Silverline Park, and upfits to Woodfin Riverside Park. Recreation Services is currently managing the greenways portion of the project. Due to the complexity of the Riverside Drive segment of greenway and cost escalation due to project engagement delays, the final design estimate has been received at \$1,617,800.

Staff is requesting to reallocate the already budgeted \$632,000 of county funds for use towards the design phase of the project. The budget amendment request is for \$528,000 in additional expenditures where the funding source is the award from FHA toward the design phase of the Woodfin Greenway project.

Woodfin Greenway (includes Beaverdam Creek)				
County funding	Current Budget	Requested	FY2021 Estimated	Grand Total for Design
Design	\$132,000	\$632,000	\$457,800	
Construction	\$500,000	\$0	TBD	
Total County funding		\$632,000	\$457,800	\$1,089,800
Grant Funding	Current Budget	Requested	FY2021 Estimated	
Design	\$0	\$528,000	\$0	
Construction	\$0	\$0	TBD	
Total Grant funding	\$0	\$528,000	\$0	\$528,000
Grand Total		\$1,160,000	\$457,800	\$1,617,800

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

- 1) Authorize reallocation and use of already budgeted \$632,000 county funding towards design.
- 2) Approve budget amendment.

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented.