



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/21/2020

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:** Recreation Services

**Presenter(s):** Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services Director  
Geoff Noblitt, Planner I

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

**Subject:** Approval of contract for design and installation of artificial turf fields at Buncombe County Sports Park as part of the Enka Recreation Destination project.

**Brief Summary:** Contract includes Preconstruction and Construction Phase of Buncombe County Sports Park AstroTurf Synthetic Turf Installation as part of the Enka Recreation Destination project. The Enka Recreation Destination project taps several community partners to link economic development, tourism management, and resident quality of life amenities through enhancements to sports facilities and the creation of 2 miles of accessible greenway along Hominy Creek linking residents to various sports facilities and recreation attractions.

The project is funded through leveraged partnerships with the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority. Buncombe County will fund \$1.2 million of the project which leverages \$4.8 million through the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Block Grant funding and \$6 million through the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority's Tourism Product Development Fund.

AstroTurf is recommended to receive the contract award after undergoing a competitive request for proposals process. The total for the Preconstruction Phase is \$245,000. The Construction Phase will not exceed \$3.5 million under this contract funded through existing allocations reimbursed through the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority's

Tourism Product Development Fund. The turfing project is currently aligned with the overall budget for the field components of the project which devoted a total of \$4.1 million to turfing and lighting at the Buncombe County Sports Park along with the creation of an additional field along the forthcoming greenway. The lighting for the project has already been contracted at a cost of \$595k. The current projected timeline for completion of the fields is spring 2021 depending on contract execution timeline and contractor deployment times.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** Approve County Manager to execute contract as presented.

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:** County Manager recommends approval.