



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 4/6/2021**

#### **Consent Agenda**

**Department:** Sustainability

**Presenter(s):** Jeremiah LeRoy

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#### **Subject: Volkswagen Settlement Grant**

##### **Brief Summary:**

As part of a lawsuit settlement for falsifying their vehicle emissions data, the Volkswagen Corporation was ordered to provide funding for the creation of electric vehicle infrastructure across the nation. In North Carolina, this funding is being allocated through a grant process by the Dept. of Environmental Quality.

To continue to support the County's strategic goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the County Office of Sustainability has applied for and received an award to add four (4) additional electric vehicle charging stations to the County parking garage on College St. These stations will be accessible to the public 24/7. Increased electricity consumption could cost an estimated additional \$1,200 to \$3,600 annually depending on usage. The total project costs is approximately \$26,926. The award is for \$20,000 and the remaining funds will be covered by existing funds in the Sustainability Office's budget.

##### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve Budget Amendment

##### **County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented