



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/19/2022

New Business

Department: Ag and Land Resources **Presenter(s):** John Hudson, Budget Director

Contact(s): Jennifer Harrison, Ag and Land Resources Director

Subject: Grant Awards: Emergency Watershed Protection Program
Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program
TS Fred BMP

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County was impacted by Tropical Storm (TS) Fred in August of 2021 causing major damage across the County. \$2,215,538 has been awarded to the County's Ag and Land Resources Department by the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service. Additionally, \$738,513 has been awarded as match by the State Division of Soil and Water Conservation for a total of \$2,954,051. The funding will be used to remove debris from local waterways as well as streambank stabilization. There are 44 project sites that have been designated and approved for funding and repairs. No County funds are needed for this grant.

Ag and Land Resources has also been awarded an additional \$336,649 by the State Division of Soil and Water Conservation's Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program for projects that protect and restore the integrity of drainage infrastructure by removing vegetative debris from our local waterways. These projects will lessen the potential for property damage due to flooding. No County funds are needed for this grant.

Ag and Land has also been allocated \$7,916 by the NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation to implement best management practices (BMP) on properties of farmers and landowners that were affected by TS Fred. No County funds are needed for this grant.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented