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MEMO

To: Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Cc: Kevin King, County Manager
From: Michael Poston, Planning Director
Date: November 5, 2024

RE: Great Trails State Program Grant

The State of North Carolina has developed a Great Trails State Program grant to fund the construction of trails throughout North Carolina. The maximum award amount is \$500,000 and the minimum request amount to construct paved trails \$300,000. The grant is due by September 3, 2024.

The Planning Department has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department on the extension of the Tuckasegee River Greenway. We would like to prepare an application for to construct a .6 mile extension of the greenway. This extension will include the easement area recently agreed to by the Rogers family and the easement across property owned by the State of North Carolina (for landfill off of Montieth Gap Road). The total estimated cost of the extension is \$763,574. The grant does require a match of one dollar for every two state dollars based on the fact that Jackson County is a Tier 2 County in the State. The match requirement for the County is \$250,000 for the award maximum of \$500,000. We are able to count federal grant dollars for match as well as in-kind services. I am proposing to use the estimated engineering cost of \$150,000, which is tied to a federal grant application, and the \$27,300 for clearing and grubbing that can be done by the County's Public Works Department as match. The combined amount of each match type would create \$177,300 in leveraged match. The remainder of the cost of the project will require cash match. That amount is \$86,574.

I am requesting that the Board of Commissioners allow staff to apply for the Great Trails State Program Grant in the amount of \$763,574.00 and allow the Chairman to sign the grant certification form.

Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Grading and Preparation				
Clearing and Grubbing	AC	1.82	\$15,000.00	\$27,300.00
Grading (fine grading of greenway and parking area)	LS	1	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00
Paving items				
Asphalt 2" Depth	Square Yard	3520	\$33.00	\$116,160.00
Subbase 6" Depth (ABC)	Ton	1200	\$37.00	\$44,400.00
Parking Area				
Subbase 6" Depth (ABC)	Ton	405	\$37.00	\$14,985.00
Concrete 6" (for accesable spaces)	Cubic Yard	12	\$170.00	\$2,040.00
Drainage				
15" drainage pipe	EA	16	\$300.00	\$4,800.00
Vault Toliet (via sourcewell)				
EA		1	\$42,100.00	\$42,100.00
Other items				
Engineering (1.6 mile segment federal grant application)	LS	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Mobilization	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Erosion control	LS	1	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Contingency 5%				
LS		1	\$13,789.00	\$13,789.00
Total Cost				\$763,574.00
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Match requirement (including overmatch)				\$263,574.00