

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2024

SUBJECT: NC Division of Parks and Recreation Accessible Parks Grant Application

PRESENTER: Bruce Gilliam, Brooklyn Bishop, and Nora Sjue

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Project Timeline, Costs and Description
2. Certification & Approval by Local Government Board

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County Parks and Recreation is requesting the support of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to apply for the 2025 Accessible Parks Grant to renovate features at East Flat Rock Park. Due to a few outdated features, East Flat Rock Park is currently not accessible by both ADA and Universal Design standards. Parks and Rec Staff have hosted three public input meetings, with resounding approval for the upgrades. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the staff apply for this grant, which could contribute up to \$500,000 towards park upgrades. The Accessible Parks Grant requires a 20% match, or up to \$100,000.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the 2025 Accessible Parks Grant application.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners approve the 2025 Accessible Parks Grant application and sign the certification of local government approval.

Award Timeline:

- Notification of Funding: September 3, 2024
- Application Deadline: March 3, 2025
- Awards Made: June 2025
- Project Period: September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028
- Reporting Deadlines:
- Six-Month Inspection: February 1, 2026
- One-Year Inspection: August 31, 2026
- Two-Year Inspection: August 31, 2027
- Closeout Inspection: August 31, 2028
- Self-Certifying Inspection every 5 years post-closeout

Project Costs:

*Costs will be entered into Web Grants

Project Element	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Item Cost
Concrete, Grading, and Site Work		\$75,000	\$75,000
Playground Surfacing	100ft x 50ft	\$100,000	\$100,000
Playground Structure	1	\$320,000	\$320,000
Landscaping		\$2,000	\$2,000
ADA Benches/Tables	5	\$2,000	\$10,000
Restroom ADA Door	2	\$2,500	\$5,000
Signage	TBD	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Project Element Cost			\$517,000
Planning Costs		Max 20% of total cost	\$53,000
Contingency		Max 5% of total cost	\$30,000
Project Total			\$600,000

Project Description:

East Flat Rock Park is an eight-acre park located in the East Flat Rock neighborhood adjacent to major thoroughfare US 176. The center of the park contains many features, all of which don't meet basic ADA requirements for accessibility, including: a picnic shelter, a playground, and restrooms. This project aims to focus attention on increasing access to these features and upgrading the features themselves to be enjoyed by all people to the greatest extent possible. Planned upgrades include grading the walkways, increasing the paved paths to access more features, renovating the playground equipment and surfacing, and adding more features which promote intergenerational and inter-abled play.



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Certification & Approval by Local Governing Board

I hereby certify the information contained in the attached application is true and correct and the required one dollar of matching funds for five dollars of grant funds will be available within three years of submitting the application. This application has been approved by the local governing board.

Chief Elected Official
(Print or Type Name and Title)
(Signature)
If two local governments are applying together, this form must be completed and signed by each local government. One applicant must be identified by adding primary sponsor in the Local Government Name section.