

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Application - Berkeley Sports Complex

PRESENTER: Bruce Gilliam – Parks and Recreation Director
Nora Sjue – Intern, Lead for NC Fellow

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Project Timeline 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 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant to provide additional funding for the proposed Berkeley Mills Sports Complex. Staff is proposing to request the maximum allowable amount from PARTF of \$500,000 for the project. The PARTF grant requires a one for one match, which has already been satisfied by the County's current investments in the project. The Parks and Recreation staff have hosted two community presentations and a public meeting, receiving overwhelming support for the grant application. The Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the staff apply for this grant by the May 1 deadline.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the 2025 PARTF Grant application.

Suggested Motion:

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

Award Timeline:

- Notification of Funding: November 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2025
- Selecting Grant Recipients: August 22, 2025
- Three-year project completion timeframe

Project Description:

The proposed project at Berkeley Mills Park aims to enhance the recreational facilities in Henderson County. The proposed alterations to the Berkeley Park Sports Complex include the addition of four full-sized soccer fields, six tennis courts, and a softball field. These facilities are intended to serve the programmatic needs of Henderson County Parks and Recreation, Henderson County Public Schools, and other local recreational organizations. This project aligns with the Henderson County Board of Commissioners' desire to improve recreational access and quality for the children of the county and for the community at large.

Certification and 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 every one dollar 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.