

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** January 5, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application - Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF 2025-2026

**PRESENTER:** Nora Sjue, Special Projects Coordinator  
Bruce Gilliam, Director, Parks & Recreation

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Project Timeline and Description  
2. Certification & Approval by Local Government Board

#### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County Parks and Recreation is requesting approval from the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to apply for the Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF 2025-2026 Grant. Funding from this grant will provide additional funding for the Henderson County Sports Complex. Staff is proposing to request \$150,000 for the project. The PARTF grant requires a one for one match. If approved the \$150,000 match will be satisfied by the County's current investments in the project. The Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the staff apply for this grant by the January 30th deadline.

#### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF 2025-2026 Grant application.

#### Suggested Motion:

*I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners approve the Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF 2025-2026 Grant application and sign the certification of local government approval.*

**Award Timeline:**

- Notification of Funding: October 1, 2025
- Application Deadline: January 30, 2026
- Selecting Grant Recipients: March 27, 2026
- Three-year project completion timeframe

**Project Description:**

Soccer, the most popular recreational sport among youth in Henderson County, is played by over 700 kids every fall at Jackson Park. During Helene, those soccer fields were 5-6 feet underwater. The new Henderson County Sports Complex is not only an opportunity to move the fields out of the floodplain, but it also has the potential to significantly bolster the quality of public sports facilities in the region.

# Helene Recovery Fund 2025-2026 Basic Facts & Assurances

<b>Local Government Name:</b> Henderson County	<b>County:</b> Henderson
<b>Federal Employer I.D. Number:</b> 56- 6000307	
<b>Local Government Contact Person for the Grant:</b> Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Nora Sjue Title: Special Projects Coordinator Organization: Henderson County Administration Mailing Address: 100 N King St. City/State/Zip: Hendersonville, NC 28792 Telephone: 828-771-6651 E-mail: nsjue@hendersoncountync.gov (must be an employee of the sponsoring local government)	<b>Local Government Manager:</b> Name: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. John Mitchell Title: County Manager Mailing Address: 1 Historic Courthouse Sq. Suite 2 City/State/Zip: Hendersonville, NC 28792 Telephone: 828-697-4809 E-mail: jmitchell@hendersoncountync.gov
<b>Chief Elected Official:</b> Name: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. William Lapsley Title: Chair, Henderson County Board of Commissioners Mailing Address: 1 Historic Courthouse Sq. Suite 1 City/State/Zip: Hendersonville, NC 28792	
<b>Site Control (check all that apply):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned by local government <input type="checkbox"/> Leased by applicant for 25 years or more <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> Owned by school board	<b>Costs rounded to nearest dollar:</b> Grant funds requested: \$150,000.00 Local government's matching funds: \$ 150,000.00 Total cost of project \$ 300,000.00

**Project Name:** Henderson County Sports Complex

**Is this an LWCF-funded park on these [lists of NC projects](#)?**  yes  No **If yes, list the grant number(s):**

#### Certification and Approval by Local Governing Board

I hereby certify the information contained in the attached application is true and correct and the required dollar-for-dollar matching funds will be available during the project period. 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.

**This form must be complete in its entirety for your application to be considered**