

# **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

## **HENDERSON COUNTY**

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Grant Award Acceptance – North Carolina Community Foundation

**PRESENTER:** Emily Schwartz, Grants Administrator  
Nora Sjue, Special Projects Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS:** Award Letter

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Henderson County Solid Waste has been awarded \$100,000 from the North Carolina Community Foundation's 2025 Disaster Relief Fund. These funds would be used to purchase a hydraulic excavator for the Henderson County Solid Waste Fund. The Solid Waste Fund's previous excavator was destroyed after excessive use in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Helene. This grant will fund approximately half of the cost of a new excavator. Grant funds should be expended by January 2027.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to accept the award from the North Carolina Community Foundation to assist in the purchase of a hydraulic excavator for the Solid Waste Department.

#### ***Suggested Motion:***

*I move that the Board of Commissioners approve the award from the North Carolina Community Foundation.*

**From:** [North Carolina Community Foundation](#)  
**To:** [Emily Schwartz](#)  
**Subject:** NCCF Grant Award Notification  
**Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2026 9:00:52 AM

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Dear Emily,

Congratulations on your successful grant application to the NCCF Long-Term Recovery Grant Program for western North Carolina, funded by the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund. A grant check will be mailed to your organization in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Henderson County Solid Waste Equipment.

Please note that by accepting the grant check, you agree to the terms and conditions of the Foundation as detailed on the form that will accompany the check.

Donations to this fund are acknowledged with full tax benefits at the time of the contribution; therefore, your organization does not need to issue a tax receipt to the Foundation.

**A Final Grant Report will be due on February 19, 2027.** The report form will be accessible in the same online system through which you submitted your application to the program. Please mark your calendar now to ensure timely reporting.

If you have questions about the grant terms or reporting requirements, please contact Doug Perry, Grants Manager, at (919) 256-6911 or [dperry@nccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:dperry@nccommunityfoundation.org).

We may use this information in promotional materials, such as our website, social media, videos, newsletters and other publications. Please review our [Grant Publicity Guide](#) for tips on how to share this news.

We are pleased to provide this support to your organization and thank you for your work serving western North Carolina.

Warm Regards,  
Jennifer Tolle Whiteside  
President  
North Carolina Community Foundation

cc: Ret Boney, Disaster Relief Fund Program Director  
Doug Perry, Grants Manager  
Shari Williamson, Program Officer, Western NC