

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Application - Appalachian Regional Council Ferncliff Industrial Park

PRESENTER(S): Emily Schwartz, Grants Administrator

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development (the Partnership) and Henderson County staff are pursuing grant funding for the improvement of land located at the Ferncliff Industrial Park. This grant is available through the North Carolina Appalachian Regional Council (ARC) for infrastructure improvements to land zoned for industrial use.

If awarded, this grant will provide a portion of the funds needed to build an access road at the site. This grant also requires a 50/50 match. Funds from the Henderson County Economic Investment Fund (EIF) have been identified as a source of potential matching funds in the amount of \$386,046.46.

Staff at the Partnership and the County are requesting Board permission to apply for the ARC grant in the amount of \$386,046.46. If awarded, \$386,046.46 will be used from the EIF for the matching portion.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to permit staff to apply for grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Council for the Ferncliff Industrial Park infrastructure improvements.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board allow Staff to apply for the grant from the Appalachian Regional Council for the Ferncliff Industrial Park infrastructure improvements.