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Abandoned Manufactured Home Removal Grant Available

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Anyone in Henderson County with an abandoned manufactured home on their property is invited to apply for a grant to have the home removed. The grant will pay \$1,000 towards the demolition of each home. The applicant will be responsible for the remainder of the demolition cost, typically \$350. For those applicants who have an individual annual income less than \$31,300, Henderson County has funding available to pay the difference in cost.

In 2008, House Bill 1134 was enacted. The purpose of this bill is to protect public health and the environment by encouraging counties to develop plans that provide for the deconstruction of abandoned manufactured homes and the removal of reusable or recyclable components, by providing for the abatement of abandoned manufactured homes that are determined to be a nuisance, and to designate that a portion of the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund be used to fund the deconstruction and removal of the abandoned manufactured homes.

Henderson County participated in this grant in 2010, 2012, and 2014. During those cycles, Henderson County removed 65 abandoned manufactured homes. We have again been awarded this reimbursement grant. The lowest qualified bidder has been chosen to demolish the homes and transport debris to our transfer station and a certified recycling center. We are currently accepting applications for this service. In order to be considered for this grant an individual must submit an application. The application can be downloaded from our website at:

http://www.hendersoncountync.org/ces/documents/AMHPOAgreement2015.pdf.

An application may also be obtained at 100 N King St. Hendersonville NC 28792. Contact Toby Linville at (828) 694-6627 or <u>tlinville@hendersoncountync.org</u> for an application by e-mail, mail or fax.

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