REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

SUBJECT:

Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program

Non-Profit Funding Agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

Funding Agreement

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Pursuant to Commissioner Baldwin's request, staff has included the funding agreement for the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program for further discussion by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Baldwin has requested that the Board discuss and reach consensus on the following issues:

- 1. Whether the County should enter into a funding agreement with the *Mountain Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.* or the *Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy* for the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program. Note: Because the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program is not itself a 501c3 agency, it is necessary that the County enter into an agreement with another such agency, whereby the funds would then be passed through to the Program.
- 2. To add the following statement to Provision #7 within the funding agreement: "All activities undertaken by the Agency must show measurable outcomes benefiting Henderson County." See attached funding agreement.

RECOMMENDATION / BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends that the Board decide which 501c3 agency should administer the \$10,000 allocated for the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program and authorize the statement, as proposed, for ensuring that the County's funds be allocated to benefit Henderson County.

NORTH CAROLINA HENDERSON COUNTY

This Agreement made and entered into the 1st day of July, 2005 by and between Henderson County, North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY", and the (Mountain Valley Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.) (Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy) for the Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Project, hereinafter referred to as the "AGENCY."

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has requested services from the AGENCY to carry out its programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, through its Board of Commissioners, has appropriated the sum of \$10,000 in funding for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 to support this purpose, subject to the terms hereof; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions for receiving said funds from the COUNTY set out herein are necessary to insure accountability for the expenditure of public funds by the COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the following the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. The AGENCY agrees to use the funds appropriated by the COUNTY in a manner and for the purposes specified in their Application, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if to set forth fully herein.
- 2. In consideration for the performance by the AGENCY of the services outlined in its application, the COUNTY agrees to pay the AGENCY up to the amount of money authorized in the COUNTY budget for the fiscal year. Payment of such amount shall be made in quarterly installments.
- 3. If the AGENCY violates any of the provisions of this Agreement, the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement (upon thirty (30) days written notice of the same to the AGENCY). In such event, all unexpended funds at the time of such termination, whether held by the AGENCY or the COUNTY, shall be the property of and be returned to (or remain with) the COUNTY.
- 4. The AGENCY shall not assign any interest in this Agreement and shall not transfer any interest in the Agreement without prior written consent of the COUNTY.
- 5. In connection with the performance of this Agreement, the AGENCY shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or program participant because of race, religion, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, or on account of their limited English language proficiency.
- 6. The AGENCY shall maintain all accounts, books, ledgers, journals, and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, practices and procedures.
- 7. The AGENCY shall submit to the COUNTY an annual status report of all program activities including a summary of the accomplishment of stated goals and objectives. All activities undertaken by the AGENCY must show measurable outcomes benefiting Henderson County.
- 8. The AGENCY shall provide an accounting of COUNTY funds to the COUNTY to demonstrate that funds allocated to the AGENCY have been used for the purpose(s) specified herein. The accounting report shall be submitted to the COUNTY within 30 days of the end of the contract term. Further, the COUNTY shall be entitled to audit the AGENCY's expenditure of COUNTY funds at the COUNTY's discretion. Any excess funds or funds not used for the expressed purpose(s) stated herein must be returned to the COUNTY within thirty (30) days of the COUNTY's request for said funds.

- 9. The COUNTY shall be entitled to conduct an evaluation of the AGENCY's programs and activities particularly as it relates to the accomplishments of established goals and objectives and the measurement of services being delivered.
- 10. All books and records shall be maintained by the AGENCY for a period of at least three years from the date of the final payment under this Agreement and shall be made available for audit or evaluation upon request during regular business hours of the AGENCY.
- 11. The AGENCY must adopt a Drug-Free Workplace Policy in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Policy of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 701).
- 12. As a condition of receiving funds from the COUNTY, the AGENCY agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, costs, recoveries, and judgments of every kind and description brought out of or occurring in connection with, directly or indirectly, activities funded in part or in whole with funds made available under this Agreement.
- 13. The COUNTY is in no way responsible for the administration and supervision of the AGENCY's officers, employees, and agents, which persons it is agreed are not officers, employees, or agents of the COUNTY.
- 14. The Agreement may only be amended by written amendments mutually agreed upon by and between the COUNTY and the AGENCY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in their name by their duly authorized officers, their seals to be hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:		HENDERSON COUNTY	
Clerk to the Board	Date	BY: WILLIAM L. MOYER Chairman, Board of Commissioners	Date
ATTEST:			
Corporate Secretary, Upper Broad River Watershed Program	Date	BY: Authorized Signature, Upper Broad River Watershed Program	Date
This Agreement has been pre-audited in manner required by the Local Governmand Fiscal Control Act.			
County Finance Director	 Date		