

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Recreation Trails Grant

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County has been awarded a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant in the amount of \$208,750.00 for the purchase of land and development of trails in the Hickory Nut Gorge.

The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) had agreed to find all matching funds for the Hickory Nut Gorge Trail project. At this time CMLC are still waiting to hear about the Scenic Byways Grant that would act as the matching half for the PARTF grant. The Scenic Byways Grants have not yet been awarded. The CMLC is therefore looking to have a back up plan by applying for a Recreational Trails Grant. CMLC is requesting they be permitted to write and submit a Recreational Trail Grant on behalf of the county. The grant would be for \$75,000.00 and would be matched by the grant money already received by the PARTF grant. Again the county would not have to expend any funds. CMLC would then continue looking for the remaining funds needed for the project.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is supportive of permitting the CMLC to apply for a Recreational Trails Grant for \$75,000.00 on behalf of the county. The matching funds for the RTG have already been secured in the PARTF grant therefore the county would not have to expend any funds. It is requested that CMLC be permitted to write and submit a RTG on behalf of the county.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy apply for a Recreation Trails Grant on behalf of the county in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be used as matching funds for the PARTF grant received for the Hickory Nut Gorge trail project.