

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: September 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Pisgah Legal Services Matching Grant Request

PRESENTER: Jim Barrett

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Request letter from Pisgah Legal Services

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Jim Barrett, Executive Director with Pisgah Legal Services, will be present to request that the County consider a grant in the amount of \$16,833, to be used to match domestic violence prevention grants that they have secured through the Governor's Crime Commission. The grant would also fund a portion of the County's share of challenge grants.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to hear Pisgah Legal Services request, and to direct Staff accordingly. If the Board is so inclined to approve the request, the following motion is suggested.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve a grant in the amount of \$16,833 for Pisgah Legal Services, and further move the approval of a budget amendment appropriating \$16,833 from fund balance for this grant.



August 31, 2011

Henderson County Commissioners
c/o Mr. Steve Wyatt
Henderson County Manager
Historic Courthouse
1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Dear Commissioners and Manager Wyatt:

As you know, Pisgah Legal Services has served the residents of Henderson County for more than thirty years. Our services in the county cost about \$350,000 annually, taking into account the work that we and our volunteers performed for 1,743 people in Henderson County in 2010. This work saves County taxpayers untold sums in other social costs. As you will see in our most recent Henderson County Annual Performance Report for Non-Profits, Pisgah Legal Services served 213 survivors of domestic violence in the year ending June 30, 2011. (Our "target" was 132.) The abused women (usually women) and children in those households would represent about one-third of all people served in the County in 2010.

Several of our grants have matching requirements. We request a grant of \$16,833 to match domestic violence prevention grants that we have secured through the Governor's Crime Commission, as well as a portion of Henderson County's share of challenge grants from Interest on Lawyer's Trust Accounts and generous individual donors who have made challenge gifts that need to be met by December 31, 2011.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and Henderson County staff to improve the lives of residents of the County. Please let us know if you see other opportunities for us to do so.

Sincerely yours,



James A. Barrett
Executive Director

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