

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

## HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** June 4, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing Regarding CDBG Economic Development Application

**PRESENTER:** Anthony W. Starr, AICP, Planning Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The NC Department of Commerce requires public hearings as part of its Community Development Block Grant programs. These programs provide for a variety of activities including, but not limited to, economic development, housing rehabilitation, community development, etc.

The Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development (HCPED) requests that the county apply for these CDBG funds for the benefit of a project with Sierra Nevada and Ferncliff Industrial Park. The first public hearing was held by the Board on May 7, 2012 as required by CDBG regulations. The purpose of this second hearing is to receive input on a proposed economic development CDBG application. The planned application for funds includes providing water and wastewater service to Ferncliff Industrial Park and the Sierra Nevada Brewing facility.

The proposed CDBG application would include \$533,148.10 to construct approximately 6,500 linear feet of new waterline and 950 linear feet of sewer line to serve the Ferncliff Industrial Park and the Sierra Nevada Brewing facility. The public notice for this hearing was published in the Hendersonville Tribune as required. A local match of \$26,657.40 is required for this project. Staff anticipates using a portion of the Sierra Nevada incentive payment to meet this match requirement thereby requiring no additional County funds.

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Staff recommends that the Board conduct the hearing and authorize the Planning Director & HCPED to submit the required application and other necessary documentation.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that the Board authorize the Planning Director to submit the CDBG application and other necessary grant documents on behalf of Henderson County.