



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote to approve the Letter of Support and Commitment for Central Pines Regional Council's application for funding through the US Department of Transportation's Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program.

Introduction/Background: Central Pines Regional Council, in partnership with Piedmont Triad Regional Council and UNC's School of Government, are applying for funding under the US Department of Transportation's Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program. Funding will allow the three organizations to provide technical assistance in Chatham, Lee, northern Moore, and Randolph counties. Additional capacity will help participating communities to respond to rapid population growth and advance large-scale transportation and community development projects both equitably and sustainably.

Components of the process will include the completion of a gap analysis, and funding to support staff at Central Pines in addition to staff at various local governments - who will help shape recommended strategies and build institutional knowledge within each local government.

Discussion/Analysis: Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC), formerly Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG), has remained a consistent partner and advocate for Chatham County and the larger Triangle Region. As part of its advocacy, CPRC has engaged as lead in a variety of grant and program opportunities on behalf and for the benefit of Chatham County. The intent of this application seeks to work with several local governments in the region to analyze and offer capacity-building support in critical areas of service (internal and external) to meet the challenges of high growth and fast change.

The commitment being requested of the prospectively participating local governments is not monetary; but rather, organizational partnership - allowing members of key departments to participate in this work alongside the lead applicants of this program.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: As the intent of this program is to enhance capacity-building within Chatham County's local government operations, this item generally supports the overall goals of Plan Chatham. The ability of the county's operations to adapt to change and meet the challenges of growth will advance our staff's ability to consistently work toward those goals identified in the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Budgetary Impact: No budgetary impact is anticipated if the funding request were awarded to the three lead applicants.

Recommendation: Approve the Letter of Support and Commitment for Central Pines Regional Council's application for funding through the US Department of Transportation's Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program.