



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve recommendations for grants to recreation agencies.

Action Requested:

Motion to approve the grants to recreation agencies.

Introduction & Background:

Four recreation agencies submitted applications for the grants to recreation agencies process. Each agency, Deep River Park Association, Harpers Cross Roads Center, Sprott Youth Center and Triangle Land Conservancy presented at the Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. There is \$20,300 allocated in the FY 2017 budget for this purpose; a total of \$34,300 was requested. The description of the requests and the amount requested is as follows:

Triangle Land

The agency requested funds to restore and activate trails at White Pines Nature Preserve Phase II. Funds would be used to support staff, contract labor, and supplies to build and restore 3 to 4 miles of trails at the White Pines Nature Preserve.

Requested- \$10,000.00

Sprott Youth Center

The agency requested funds for open gym time. Funds would be used to pay for supervisory staff for gym and classroom activities once per week for the community.

Requested- \$2,800.00

Harper's Crossroad Community Center

The agency requested funds for a used John Deere 1200A. The lawn tractor would be used by the organization for field maintenance to keep the field in better condition

Requested \$6,500.00

Deep River Parks

The agency requested funds to resurface the bridge for environmental and safety concerns. Funds would be used to install secondary layer of asphalt and sealant over existing layer which will help fill holes and cracks and prevent current conditions of bridge.

Requested-\$15,000

Discussion & Analysis:

The Recreation Advisory Committee used the score sheet and general discussion to make its recommendations.

Triangle Land Conservancy

Score-67

Awarded- \$5,000.00

Triangle Land- The scoring was higher for this agency. However, this agency has access to alternate funds and has the greatest ability to obtain money from various sources. They are more regional than the other agencies that applied. It also received funding last year.

Sprott Youth Center

Score-59

Awarded- \$2,800.00

Sprott Youth is in a rural setting and currently reaches a population of the county that is underserved. It is providing a service not offered in that area for youth and adults.

Harper's Crossroads Community Center

Score-53

Awarded- \$5,000.00

Harper's Crossroad is a small community and the agency is reaching a population of the county that is underserved. It relies on other members to use their personal equipment to maintain the fields.

Deep River Park Association

Score-52

Awarded- \$7,500.00

The agency is reaching out to a group that is undeserved by the county. It shares the bridge with Lee County. Since the bridge is shared with Lee County, the committee felt that maybe Lee County could help with some or give at least half of the expense to resurface the bridge. They received only one quote so far and the committee members hope they will receive others for a lower repair cost. Since the committee didn't recommend the whole amount, it was suggested that repairs could be done in stages.

Budgetary Impact:

\$20,300 approved in the budget.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the grants to recreation grant recommendations.