



Agenda Abstract

Department: Parks and Recreation
 Submitting Official: _____

Meeting Date: **8-16-10**
 Authorizing Signature: _____

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| Subject: | Municipal Grants |
| Action Requested: | Approve recreation funds for the towns/municipalities |
| Attachments (List individually): | NA |

Introduction & Background

In the past the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department would allocate \$3.25 per capita to the municipalities for recreation facility. As part of the department evaluation process, the Board of Commissioners assigned the performance team and the county's grant writer the task to help the Parks and Recreation Department to create a formal agreement for grants to municipalities. The grant should include oversight for use of funds. Use a project based allocation instead of a per capita allocation.

Discussion & Analysis

At the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in July, 2010 each municipal grant application was evaluated based on the form created for the grant. From the evaluation process all municipalities scored the same. The Recreation Advisory made funding recommendations from combination of project and % based. Based on the per capita allocations in the past the Town of Goldston received \$ 1,041.00, Town of Siler City \$24,627.00 and the Town of Pittsboro \$7,404.00. The grant request for the 3 towns this year was 48,755.00 total funds allocated 33,702 or 67.8% of requested. For the Town of Goldston, The Recreation Advisory Board is recommending \$6,725.00 for widening entrance, tree removal, stump removal, grading, graveling parking lot and paving entrance for the parking area at the lower baseball field. This will provide a safer area for the spectators to park and prevent cars from parking in the playground area because parking will be outlined and identified. The Board felt this was a serious safety concern and this funding is project based the total amount requested was \$8,725.00 the additional grant requests were for landscaping and replacing gate entrance which weren't funded. For the Town of Siler City they submitted 2 projects, the board is recommending

\$17,470 to use on the most immediate need first either remove and replace existing roof on pool house or strip, caulk, paint interior of pool then use the remaining towards the other. This is 67.8% of the requested amount of \$24,430. The Town of Pittsboro provided 4 separate projects. They prioritized the projects. The board recommended \$8,877.00 for 2 projects. 1) the Roberson Creek Greenway Pilot Project which means developing several bridges across several tributaries feeding Roberson Creek in order to make a variable walking corridor between Sanford Road and Lorax Lane along existing sewer easements. Funds from this grant would go towards one of the two trailhead enhancement including entrance , grading, surfacing, planting etc. to affect a safe, attractive and inviting entranceway. 2) Picnic tables and grills for McClenahan Street Tennis and Basketball courts, Town Lake Park and Mary Hayes Holmes Park in Powell Place. Funding for public art piece for Mary Hayes Barber Holmes Park and tennis court improvements were not funded. The recommended amount is to fund 2 projects and it is 63.4% of the total amount requested of \$14,00.00.

Budgetary Impact

None

Recommendation

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