

Angie Winchester

From: Chuck Wooten <chuckwooten@jacksonnc.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 12:40 PM
To: Angie Winchester
Subject: Agenda Items

Additional Non-Profit Allocations:

CURVE	\$3,700	Matching Funds
Christmas Connection	\$5,000	Matching Funds
Genealogical Society	\$5,000	Operating Costs
Historical Society	\$5,000	Operating Costs
Arts Council	\$3,000	Operating Costs

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Subject: FW: FW: Cullowhee Revitalization Endeavor

Brian,

I am back in town having been away for three weeks and wondered if you had made a decision about our grant matching request (see below)?

I am available for any discussion needed. Could you let me know where we are on this?

Thanks,

Maurice Phipps
CuRvE Board Member
Chair, River Park Committee
828-586-8319

From: Maurice Phipps <phipps@email.wcu.edu>

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015 11:41 AM

To: "brianmcmahan@jacksonnc.org" <brianmcmahan@jacksonnc.org>

Cc: "vickigreene@jacksonnc.org" <vickigreene@jacksonnc.org>, Anna Fariello <anna.fariello@icloud.com>, Bonnie Claxton <bonnie.j.claxton@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Cullowhee Revitalization Endeavor

Brian,

Thank you Brian, for the county's offer to assist CuRvE with its work through providing matching funds to our grant. As a CuRvE board member, I am replying to your response to the CuRvE board request for support.

We actually do have a request ready for your consideration. CuRvE is working with the engineering firm, S20 on plans for the Cullowhee River Park. The total cost for the site visit, plans and associated report is \$11,700. CuRvE has secured funding for \$8000 through an Appalachian Regional Commission grant and we would like to request matching funds of \$3,700 from the county.

The development of the river park is intended as a catalyst for economic revival in downtown Cullowhee. The recent economic impact study commissioned by CuRvE conservatively estimated that the completion of the river park, blue way and greenway from the dam to the 107 bridge would bring in \$1.2 million of new money to the county annually – so we feel that your support with the requested match of \$3,700 would be a good investment.

An additional benefit of the park plan is the incorporation of refurbishing the dam. This would stabilize the water supply for both WCU and TWASA as the dam is in need of repair. CuRvE intends to share the 30 page report with others who may benefit.

Please let me know how to proceed with this request and what documentation you would require?

I would be happy to answer any question regarding this request. As I will be away traveling from July 2nd to the 25th, I would be able to address any concerns before the 2nd. In the interim, Anna Fariello would be available.

Thanks,

Maurice Phipps

CuRvE Board Member

River Park Committee Chair

From: Vicki Greene - Commissioner <vickigreene@jacksonnc.org>

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2015 9:06 AM

To: Maurice Phipps <phipps@email.wcu.edu>

Subject: Fwd: Cullowhee Revitalization Endeavor

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brian McMahan - Commissioner <brianmcmahan@jacksonnc.org>

Date: June 18, 2015 at 7:04:09 AM EDT

To: Taylor Bennett <taylorrwcc@gmail.com>

Cc: Chuck Wooten <chuckwooten@jacksonnc.org>, "boycedeit@jacksonnc.org"

<boycedeit@jacksonnc.org>, Vicki Greene - Commissioner

<vickigreene@jacksonnc.org>, "markjones@jacksonnc.org"

<markjones@jacksonnc.org>, "charleselders@jacksonnc.org" <charleselders@jacksonnc.org>

Subject: Re: Cullowhee Revitalization Endeavor

Mr. Bennett,

Thank you for your email and more importantly, thank you for the work that you and the others have done with CuRvE for the Cullowhee Community. As I have indicated both privately and publicly, I am in support of CuRvE's efforts to ultimately achieve the concept that has been generated through your visioning process. During the County's budget process, the Commissioners did not create a line item in next year's budget for CuRvE. However, we do have sufficient funds available in a contingency fund to support CuRvE if and when a grant may be awarded. If and when that happens, I will be glad to work with CuRvE to secure the local match dollars. During your grant seeking efforts, I do believe that the County would be open to writing a letter of support to be included with any grant application, indicating that we would support the purposed project in various ways.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Brian McMahan
Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

On Tue, Jun 16, 2015 at 12:55 PM, Taylor Bennett <taylorwcc@gmail.com> wrote:

Chairman McMahan,

Hello my name is Taylor Bennett and I currently am the Vice-President and Secretary for CuRvE, but have also have been apart of the organization for over five years now. As a WCU Alumni ('03) and a resident of Cullowhee, I believe strongly in the Mission of CuRvE to bring an economic revitalization to the once thriving Downtown area of Cullowhee by capitalizing on the beauty of the Tuckasegee River.

Our organization has survived over the years through volunteers and grant funding, and through these limited resources we have been able to complete great things, like an Economic Impact Study and a Conceptual Design for a multi-use river park. As a result of the work we have completed we have received letters of support from both the Economic Development and Parks and Recreation Departments of Jackson County.

Though we have made great strides it has come to a point now for CuRvE to obtain additional help in furthering our mission. I hope that you will continue the support you have already given to CuRvE by voting 'Yes' in support of our request for funding. We feel that we have great momentum now, as does Cullowhee as a whole, and we need the County's help to keep that going and bring businesses back to life in our community.

Thank you for your continued support,

Taylor Bennett
Vice-President, CuRvE

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Ensuring no child in our community goes without a Christmas present.

May 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Chuck Wooten:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present a new request for matching funds for The Christmas Connection, Jackson County's holiday charity.

We presented the Jackson County Commissioners' decision to fund The Christmas Connection if we could find an agency that would enter into a matching grant agreement to The Hennessee Foundation. We are pleased to report that The Hennessee Foundation has agreed to fund us in the amount of \$5,000. The prospect that Jackson County would match Hennessee money was a key factor in their decision to fund us, as it potentially doubles their (and your) impact.

As you are aware, The Christmas Connection provides new clothing and toys for children of families in Jackson County who need assistance during the holidays. Our mission is to ensure that no child in Jackson County goes without a present on Christmas morning. The need in our county is great. In 2014, The Christmas Connection served a record number of children—973. We expect to serve a similar number this coming year.

The Christmas Connection is a collaborative partner of The Jackson County Family Resource Center, a unit of Southwestern Child Development Commission. Southwestern provides fiduciary leadership for The Christmas Connection, under all policies of the non-profit agency.

Additionally, The Christmas Connection enjoys the support of Western Carolina University. WCU faculty, staff and students contribute their time and expertise on a totally volunteer basis.

We hope the County will be able to match the Hennessee Foundation's gift. Please let me know if you need additional documentation or if you have any questions. You may reach me at 828-508-2987 or via email at Bfarmer@wcu.edu.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty Farmer
The Christmas Connection Advisory Group
WCU Professor of Communication and Public Relations