

# TOWN OF SYLVA

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**SYLVA, N.C. 28779**

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November 23, 2016

Mr. Don Adams  
Jackson County Manager  
401 Grindstaff Cove, Suite A-207  
Sylva, NC 28779

RE: Jackson County Municipal Grant Application – Water Fountain for Downtown Sylva


Dear Mr. Adams,

Enclosed is the Town of Sylva's application for Jackson County's Municipal Grant Program. If awarded, the Town of Sylva would like to utilize funding from this grant to install a drinking fountain with a bottle filling station on Main Street. The unit would be freeze-resistant, ADA compliant and include a pet fountain.

Thank you for taking the time to review the Town of Sylva's grant application. The Town of Sylva will install and maintain the drinking fountain for residents and visitors.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Paige R. Dowling  
Town Manager

Enclosures: Grant Application  
Photo

## **Jackson County Municipal Grant Application Form**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Municipal Grant Program is to assist the municipalities of the county with the implementation of worthy projects that will directly benefit not only the citizens of the municipality, but all the citizens of Jackson County.

### **Calendar**

Applications for the Municipal Grant Program will be taken during the month of November. The Board of Commissioners will review the applications during the month of December and grant awards will be announced during the month of January. Grant funds will be available after award.

### **Grant Amount Available**

\$20,000 has been earmarked for the Municipal Grant Program. Individual grant requests are limited to a maximum of \$5,000 per municipality.

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<b>Municipality: Town of Sylva</b>
<b>Date of Application: November 23, 2016</b>
<b>Project Name: Water Fountain for Downtown Sylva</b>
<b>Project Description:</b> The Town of Sylva is applying for the Jackson County Municipal Grant to purchase a drinking fountain for downtown Sylva. A drinking fountain will benefit Jackson County residents and visitors. People need access to drinking water in public. Water fountains are both a service and amenity that improve public spaces. If the grant is awarded, the drinking fountain will be installed at the corner of Main Street and Spring Street near Sassy Frass. This is centrally located in downtown and is close to both water and sewer lines. Drinking fountains indicate that a community has clean water.  The fixture would be ADA compliant and freeze resistant. The Town desires to install a water fountain that has a bottle filler and pet fountain. A drinking fountain with a bottle filler is important to our community. Jackson County is environmentally conscious. Water fountains with bottle fillers cut down on individual water bottle purchases, thus keeping plastic bottles out of our landfills.

Plastic water bottles are costly and in a county where the median household income is \$36,705 it is important to have another option in our public spaces. Water fountains with bottle fillers provide a green alternative to purchasing water in plastic bottles and provide a healthier alternative to a sugary soda.

An increasing number of people bring their pets downtown. A pet bowl attached to the water fountain would be an additional amenity. The Town of Sylva Public Works Department will install and maintain the drinking fountain. The Town of Sylva will be responsible for the monthly water and sewer bills; we estimate an annual recurring cost of \$500. The Town of Sylva plans to request a TWSA grant to assist with the impact fees. This drinking fountain with a water bottle filler will be a project that the Town of Sylva, Jackson County, and Tuckaseigee Water and Sewer Authority can partner on to provide a necessary service to our residents and tourists.

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<b>Budget Information/Breakdown of Expenses</b>	
<b>Cost Classification:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
Administrative & Legal	-
Acquisition of Land, ROW, etc.	2,175
Architectural & Engineering fees	-
Site Work	300
Demolition	-
Equipment	4,600
Construction	
Grant Match (annual water/sewer bills)	500
Other (please specify)	

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>7,575</b>

<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Federal	-	
State	-	
Local	<b>7,575</b>	100%
Program Income	-	
Other (please specify)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,575</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Printed Name of Authorized Representative</b>	<b>Title</b>
Paige R. Dowling	Town Manager

<b>Signature of Authorized Representative</b>	
<i>Paige R. Dowling</i>	

