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Item:

Durham County Matching Grants Program Recommendations

Date of BOCC Meeting: February 4th, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve the funding requests for the current cycle of the Durham County Matching Grants Program for six projects totaling \$77,175. The Durham County Matching Grants Program, now in its 28th year, provides matching funding for local non-profits to pursue projects that protect open space or provide recreational opportunities for citizens of Durham County. The program is annually funded from the county's operating budget, which for FY18-19 totaled \$77,175. The program requires a 50% match from applicants, which can include a cash match as well the value of volunteer labor towards producing the project.

The 2018-19 cycle of the Matching Grants Program received six applications this cycle, for projects that totaled \$111,275. The Matching Grants Committee of the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) met several times and provided feedback to the groups to modify the requests to bring the projects to a total of \$77,175, the amount budgeted for this year. All groups agreed to the project revisions and awarded amounts, and the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) recommended approval of the projects at their meeting on January 16, 2019.

The groups and amounts are as follows: Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association for \$13,400, Keep Durham Beautiful for \$5,725, E.K. Powe Elementary PTA for \$20,000, Maureen Joy Charter School for \$15,000, the Durham Parks Foundation for \$11,350, and the Friends of the DPS Hub Farm for \$11,700. The projects are further described in the attached supplemental document.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This program supports Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, "Health and Well-being for All" by increasing the quality of life in Durham County, as well as Goal 4: Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity"

Resource Persons: Brendan Moore, Open Space Land Manager, Annette Montgomery, Chair, Matching Grants Committee of DOST; Jane Korest, Open Space and Real Estate Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the attached Matching Grants Project recommendations and approve funding for the proposed projects totaling \$77,175.

County Manager: _____