



Legislation Text

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Item:

Acceptance of \$15,000 Grant from Town and Country Garden Club for Beautification of NC 147 Interchange

Date of BOCC Meeting: December 9, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to accept \$15,000 in grant funds from the Town and Country Garden Club and authorize the County Manager to execute any additional documents related to the grant.

Durham County is part of a consortium of funders supporting additional beautification of downtown interchanges on NC 147. Additional funders include the City, DPAC, DDI, Capitol Broadcasting, Duke University, and Longfellow Partners. In addition to other efforts to help ensure that the Chapel Hill St. interchange is a safe, inviting, beautiful entryway to downtown, County staff have worked with the Town and Country Garden Club in Durham to secure a \$15,000 grant for additional plantings in the northwest quadrant of the interchange (area 2 of the attached map of the interchange). The grant agreement was finalized too late to do the plantings in fall of 2019, so the garden club would like for the plantings to be installed in the fall of 2020. While that would put grant funds in the FY20-21 budget, the club wanted to see that the County had officially accepted the grant and committed to the project in order to encumber such a large amount of the organization's funds.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The public private partnership ensuring that the front doorstep of downtown looks presentable reflects civic pride and an understanding of the importance of downtown as an economic driver for the rest of the community.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board accept \$15,000 in grant funds from the Town and Country Garden Club and authorize the County Manager to execute any additional documents related to the grant.

County Manager: _____