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Item:

Durham County Matching Grants Program - Approval of FY19-20 Grant Cycle

Date of BOCC Meeting: February 10, 2020

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 four projects totaling \$76,700. The Durham County Matching Grants Program for Open Space and Recreation Projects, now in its 29th 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 projects must be open to the public. The program is annually funded from the County's operating budget, which for FY19-20 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. Over the life of the program, the Durham County Matching Grants program has supported 112 wide ranging community projects with a total value of over \$6,467,765 using \$1,918,120 in county matching funds.

The 2019-20 cycle of the Matching Grants Program received four applications, for projects that totaled \$76,700. The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) recommended approval of the projects at their meeting on January 15, 2020. The groups and amounts are as follows: Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association for \$30,000, Maureen Joy Charter School for \$5,000, the Durham Parks Foundation for \$6,700, and El Futuro for \$35,000. The projects are further described in the attached supplemental document with locations shown on the attached map.

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 \$76,700.

County Manager: _____