

Item Title: Accept and Appropriate Federal Funds for Wake County Historic Preservation

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Accepts and appropriates \$18,000 of Historic Preservation Fund grant funding from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources into the Grants and Donations Fund; and**
- 2. Approves a \$12,000 transfer of budgeted County match from the General Fund to the Grants and Donations Fund.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates all grant funds.

Background: The Historic Preservation Fund is a federal grant program administered by the National Park Service in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office, which is part of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The Wake County Historic Preservation Commission applied for and received a grant to update the Wake County Historic Preservation Principles and Standards document.

Strategic Plan: This action supports routine County business.

Fiscal Impact: This action will accept and appropriate \$18,000 of Historic Preservation Fund grant funding into the Grants and Donations Fund. This action will also transfer \$12,000 of County match from the General Fund to the Grants and Donations Fund. The County match was budgeted as one-time funding within the General Fund in the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget, and it is transferring to the Grants and Donations Fund to comply with federal grant guidance.

Additional Information:

The Wake County Historic Preservation Principles and Standards is the guiding document used to determine whether proposed changes to designated historic landmarks are appropriate. This document was last revised in 2011 and is due for an update because it lacks provisions addressing contemporary concerns such as sustainability, alternative materials, energy efficiency, and environmental impacts. The grant from the Historic Preservation Fund will pay for more than half of the project, which staff estimates will cost approximately \$30,000.

The grant funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis and must be expended by April 30, 2026. Standard quarterly reporting is required by the State.

Attachments:

1. Award Letter
2. Budget Memo – FY2025 Grants and Donations Fund