

**Item Title:** Affordable Housing Consolidated Plan and Action Plan Amendment

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Amends the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan to include the purchase of equipment for the Garner Recreation Center as a public services project; and,**
- 2. Allocates Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, up to \$180,000, from the FY 2016-2017 Action Plan to purchase equipment for the Garner Recreational Center (up to \$180,000).**

**Item Summary:**

The FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, approved by the Board of Commissioners on May 18, 2015, and the FY 2016-2017 Action Plan approved by the BOC on May 2, 2016 describe how Wake County will use funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to help meet the housing needs of low income families. Funding is allocated by grant activity type, such as public facility or public service, and then project. Major plan amendments, involving the reallocation of funds or the addition of projects, require public notice and Board of Commissioners approval.

**Purchase of Equipment for the Garner Recreation Center**

The FY 2016-2017 Action Plan included a public facilities allocation of \$330,000 in CDBG funds for the Garner Recreation Center, located in the Town of Garner on the corner of Main and Montague Streets. Staff is requesting that up to \$180,000 of this allocation be reallocated as a public service activity to purchase equipment supporting the programming planned at the Recreation Center. The purchase of equipment is a public service activity that will benefit the residents of the neighborhood in which the Center is located, which is predominantly low income.

Planned activities at the Garner Recreation Center include: sports and athletics, after-school programs, summer camps, and cultural offerings. The center will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood, as well as to the town of Garner as a whole. Children and adults will have opportunities to bolster their physical well-being, education, cultural exposure, and community engagement. The Town of Garner estimates that approximately 800 families in the vicinity will be served by the Recreation Center.

**Attachments:**

1. Public Notice