

Item Title: Acceptance of Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grant of \$11,500 for the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates grant funding totaling \$11,500 from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates grant awards to County departments. This grant award supports the historic preservation efforts of the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission.

Background: The Historic Preservation Commission was created to safeguard the heritage of the County by preserving districts and landmarks that embody important elements of its culture, history, architectural history or prehistory.

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Office of Archives and History, Division of Historical Resources, and the State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) have awarded a federal grant of \$11,500. The Wake Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) proposes to hire a consultant to complete the project that will include site visits, high resolution digital photography, preparation of written entries, and data entry in the HPO's survey database as well as identification of properties for placement on the state's national register study list and final report.

The project will be accomplished under the supervision of staff of the State's Office of Archives and History as well as Wake County Community Services. The Wake County Historic Preservation Commission authorized the grant application in May 2018. This is the last in a series of five grants to complete the update of the existing architectural survey countywide. Having an updated architectural survey countywide allows the historic commission as well as its partners to prioritize preservation efforts.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: The grant requires a \$11,000 cash match from County dollars. The County will satisfy the match requirement by using funds already budgeted in the FY2019 Wake County Historic Preservation program.

Additional Information:

The Wake County Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) serves unincorporated areas of Wake County and nine of the county's 12 municipalities. The grant project is an update of the existing architectural survey that will entail revisiting previously surveyed properties and documenting properties not previously recorded within the urban service areas of Wendell & Zebulon as well as the Little River Water Supply Watershed.

Attachments:

1. Grant Award Letter- SHPO
2. Budget Memo