

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASHE COUNTY TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025 HELENE RECOVERY GRANT
AND THE 2025 PARTF GRANT FOR ASHE PARK
IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Ashe County Parks & Recreation seeks to improve and expand recreational opportunities at Ashe Park through the development of new amenities, including a splash pad, playground equipment, and a shelter structure; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Ashe County Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan identified strong public interest in improvements to existing facilities, including:

- 65% of respondents requesting a splash pad;
- 36% requesting additional picnic and sitting areas;
- 39% requesting expanded parks and open space;

and these priorities directly align with the proposed project improvements for the PARTF and Helene Recovery Grant applications; and

WHEREAS, Ashe County is eligible to apply for the 2025 Helene Recovery Grant, administered by the State of North Carolina, to support capital improvements to public recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ashe County is also eligible to apply for the 2025 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant to assist in funding development projects at public parks; and

WHEREAS, the County understands that both grants require a local funding match, and Ashe County is committed to providing the required match, estimated at \$300,000, should the project be selected for either funding source; and

WHEREAS, Ashe County intends to apply for both the Helene Recovery Grant and the PARTF Grant, with the understanding that the County will only accept one grant award if both applications are selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, expanding and enhancing Ashe Park aligns with the County's long-term goals to promote community wellness, outdoor recreation, economic vitality, and quality of life for residents and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ashe County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Ashe County Parks & Recreation to prepare and

submit grant applications for the 2025 Helene Recovery Grant and the 2025 PARTF Grant for improvements at Ashe Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board affirms its commitment to providing the required local matching funds associated with either grant, should one be awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, or their designee is authorized to execute, sign, and submit all necessary documents associated with these grant applications on behalf of Ashe County.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Todd McNeill
Chair, Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Missy Seivers
Clerk to the Board