

Ashe County

Staff Report

9/12/2022

RE: Stormwater Grant – Courthouse Improvements

Summary:

McGill and Associates, our engineer, is looking to pursue grant funding to improve the lower Courthouse property to fix an ongoing stormwater issue. The culvert that runs underneath US 221 often gets blocked during a major rain causing overflow on to the highway.

This grant would help address this problem by adding capacity for water and then slowing the water before it reaches this culvert at 221.

Attachments:

Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure grant information
Resolution for Grant



Ashe County Administration
150 Government Cir, Suite 2500
Jefferson, NC 28640

Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII) Fund

Eligible Projects Include

Construction Grants

- New or rehabilitated stormwater control measures
- Stream, wetland, buffers and estuary restoration
- Existing stormwater conveyance retrofitting
- Installation of innovative technologies or nature-based solutions
- Development and implementation of a new stormwater utility*

Planning Grants

- Studies and plans
- Alternatives analysis
- Engineering plans or designs
- Nature-based solutions

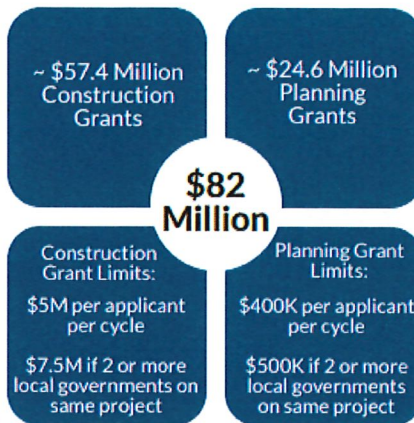
If applicants submit projects for construction AND planning funds they need to be submitted in separate applications

Eligible Applicants

- Cities (municipalities including towns and villages)
- Counties
- Councils of Government or non profits IF they partner with a city or county

Applicants must document stormwater quantity or quality issue and must demonstrate significant hardship raising revenue to finance stormwater management activities

Funding Available



* Stormwater utility development and implementation grants limited to \$500K or less depending on LGU indicators

Priority Rating System

Construction projects will receive points in four categories: project purpose, project benefit, system management, and affordability

- Maximum points = 100

Planning projects will receive points in three categories: project benefits, system management, and affordability

- Maximum points = 52

Funding Timeline



September 30, 2022

Fall 2022 Applications Due at 5:00 PM



February 2023

State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) awards Fall 2022 LASII Stormwater grants



May 1, 2023

Spring 2023 Applications Due

- These funds will only be available if all funds are not awarded in the Fall 2022 funding round



December 2026

All funds for awarded projects must be expended

[Website link for: Stormwater Funding Program / NC DEQ](#)

[Website link for: Application Forms and Additional Resources / NC DEQ](#)

Funding Administered by the Division of Water Infrastructure in the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

For more information on LASII applications or funding, contact:

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RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Ashe County has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as Government Complex Stormwater Improvements, and

WHEREAS, The Ashe County intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ASHE:

That Ashe County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Ashe County to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Ashe County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project, including N/A.

That Adam Stumb, County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the September 19, 2022 at Jefferson, North Carolina.

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

(Title)

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Board Chair of the Ashe County does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 19th day of September, 2022; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of September, 2022.

(Signature of Recording Officer)

(Title of Recording Officer)