

Ashe County

Staff Report

9/28/2020

RE: Golden Leaf Northwest Community Based Grant Initiative

Summary:

Back in January, the Golden Leaf Foundation and the Rural Center announced a grants initiative focused on the Northwest of North Carolina. Up to \$11 million dollars will be awarded in NW NC and possibly up to \$1.5 in each county that is awarded projects.

In this grant process, counties act at the gate keeper for who can apply for this initiative. Each County can submit up to 4 projects totaling \$2 million.

Each potential applicant listed below, was asked to let us know by October 1st whether they intend to submit a letter of inquiry, for the whole Board to approve the 4 projects at the October 19th meeting. Interested organizations will then have to turn around and submit their letter of inquiry to Golden Leaf by October 22nd. These are the organizations that have shown interest in submitting a project:

- Ashe County Schools
- Wilkes Community College
- Ashe County
- Ashe Memorial Hospital
- Partnership for Children
- Ashe Services for Aging
- Lost Province Center for the Arts

By Monday's meeting we will have a more comprehensive list.

Attachments:

1. URP19 Letter
2. URP19 Schedule of tasks
3. Administrator's Manual



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From: Adam Stumb
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 9:48 AM
Subject: Golden Leaf
Attachments: FY2021-CBGI-Northwest-Region-LOI-guidelines-and-budget-form.pdf

Thank you all for your continued interest in the Golden Leaf Community Based Grants Initiative. We are finally getting some information regarding the application process.

Attached is the "draft" Letter of Intent form Golden Leaf which they are recommending applicants use as a template to fill in the online LOI. The LOI due to Golden Leaf and the eventual application will be online only. If you have more questions about the letter of intent or the application process, I recommend attending the last online workshop they will hold on September 22nd at 10:00am and 4:00pm. I will send everyone the email that contains the Zoom Links.

Prior to anyone submitting a letter of intent, all proposals must be submitted to the County for review and approval to proceed. Tentatively this is the process I have in mind.

- Let me know by October 1st if you would be submitting a letter of intent. An email will suffice with a 2-3 sentence summary of the project, and the total budget amount. I will then brief the Commissioners on the potential projects.
- Please submit your proposal by October 12th to me using Golden Leaf's LOI, attached to this email. I hope this will streamline things a little so you are not duplicating information. Myself and additional staff will review the LOIs prior to them going to the Board of Commissioners.
- The Commissioners will then meet on October 19th to decide on the final projects. Four projects, totaling \$2 million will be allowed to fill out the LOI and proceed in the process. But no more than 3 projects totaling \$1.5 million will be awarded per county.
- This schedule only gives you a short window to turn around and submit your LOI, but you should have all the information you need in the attached form to submit the final LOI by October 22.

If you have questions regarding the schedule or process, please let me know soon.

Thanks,

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