Budget Revision # _____

Item No. _____

Date: _____

Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

BUDGET REVISION

Subject:

Background and explanation for the Budget Revision:

This revision sets up the budget for the Building Outdoor Communties (BOC) grant. This grant includes a feasibility study for extending the Hickory city walk into Caldwell County. Funding is provided by a grant of $25,000. City of Hickoy $1,250 and Caldwell County local match of $6,250

The Budget Ordinance is hereby amended by making a Supplemental Appropriation with appropriations and revenues being adjusted as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Line Item #	Title	I/D		Amount	Line Item #	Title	I/D		Amount
10.4910.330000.10193	Grant Revenues	I	$	26,250.00	10.4910.429000.10193	Grant Expenditurs	I	$	32,500.00
10.9800.397000	Fund Balance App	I	$	6,250.00					
Total				**32,500.00**	**Total**				**32,500.00**

Attachments (Yes or No): No

Public Hearing (Yes or No):

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Staff Recommendation:

Board Action:

Department Head	Date	Finance Director	Date	County Manager	Date
			02/22/24		

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To: Honorable Randy T. Church, Chairman
Members of the Board of Commissioners

From: Alison Adams, WPCOG Director of Community and Regional Planning

Re: Building Outdoor Communities Grant Application

Date: December 12, 2023

This memo is to address the $25,000 Building Outdoor Communities (BOC) grant application submitted by WPCOG staff on behalf of Caldwell County on December 6th, 2023. The BOC program is designed to help communities in western North Carolina "leverage their natural assets and collaborate to advance their outdoor community and economic development goals." The grant application is for a feasibility study that will explore the potential of creating a trail along the existing Caldwell Railroad line, extending from Caldwell County and ultimately connecting to the City of Hickory's Riverwalk trail.

The study area will also include the abandoned rail spur that runs along the riverfront in downtown Rhodhiss and a possible trail extending from the end of the City of Hickory's Riverwalk trail at Alex Lee Boulevard on U.S. 321 to the Shoppes at Rivercrest. The trail would then continue to downtown Granite Falls via U.S. 321A, creating a loop leading to Rhodhiss via the Caldwell Railroad. The feasibility study will enhance outdoor economic development in Caldwell County by taking the initial steps to create new pedestrian and bicycle connections between 5 municipalities in Caldwell County (Town of Rhodhiss, Town of Granite Falls, Town of Sawmills, Town of Hudson, City of Lenoir), the City of Hickory's 10-mile existing and planned trail system, and the Carolina Thread Trail's Blueway in Hickory.

BOC grant guidelines require a 25% match from Caldwell County ($6,250). The City of Hickory has agreed to contribute $1,250 toward the study's cost.

Should you have questions please feel free to contact me. We are happy to serve Caldwell County.

Respectfully,

Alison H. Adams
WPCOG Director of Community and Regional Planning

Cc. Donald Duncan, County Manager

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BUILDING OUTDOOR COMMUNITIES

Planning & Capacity Building Grants

January 23, 2024

Donald Duncan
Caldwell County Government
Project: Trail Feasibility Study

Dear Donald,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Made By Mountains Partnership and the Building Outdoor Communities Scoring Committee, we would like to officially award the 'Trail Feasibility Study' project a $25,000 dollar Planning and Capacity Building Grant. We were impressed by the pedestrian connectivity and regional potential it creates and believe the project scope aligns ideally with the core values of the Building Outdoor Communities program.

Regarding next steps, be on the lookout for an Adobe Sign email for all parties to electronically sign the grant agreement. The signed granted agreement will act as the first invoice. Be sure to review the payment and reporting terms. Upon notification of the signed grant agreement, I will move forward with processing the first payment. To expedite the process, please email me a completed IRS form W-9 when you sign the grant agreement.

Please continue to keep us updated as the project launches. This will enable our team to continuously elevate and communicate the great work underway.

Once again, congratulations to you and the Community Working Group for aligning to enhance the quality of life and outdoor economy in Caldwell County!

Sincerely,

Bradley Spiegel, AICP
Building Outdoor Communities Specialist
Made By Mountains Partnership