

**Grants Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2022  
4:30 PM  
City Hall**

Attendees: Todd Ausborn , Chris Sekula, Annette Flanders, Michael Hartigan, Alicia Devereaux, Commissioner Kim Sherwood, Suzanne Tungate, Christopher Frazer, Guest Speakers Patrick Flanagan (COG) and Adrienne Cox (NCDOT)

1. Call to Order
2. Amended 11/10 agenda to switch 6 a) New Business – Highway 87 City Center discussion to 5 a) to accommodate guest speakers Patrick Flanagan from the Cape Fear Council of Governments and Adrienne Cox from NC DOT
3. Approved 10/26/2022 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business:
  - a. Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant was submitted 10/13/2022 for 80% grant funds, 20% City matching funds – see details below:

Item	Total Cost	DOT RCP - 80%	Local - 20%
City Center Master Plan	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$10,000
Engineering Design Plan	\$72,500	\$58,000	\$14,500
Total	\$122,500	\$98,000	\$24,500

Grant application has been received; no other update

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>

- b. FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant for the police generator  
Not eligible  
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation>
    - c. Golden LEAF  
Ditch cleaning and repair  
Chris F provided example of a plan that was funded by Golden LEAF that fits the City's needs  
Need clarification on scope from City officials; carry item to next meeting  
<https://www.goldenleaf.org/>
    - d. Governor's Crime Commission Grant: Submitted in February by Chief Jordan for in-car cameras in the amount of \$24,000; awaiting decision  
<https://www.ncdps.gov/about-dps/boards-and-commissions/governors-crime-commission>

- e. NC Division of Water Resources Grant  
Possible use for land acquisition for Parks & Rec but will need matching funds  
Tabled  
<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-need-funding>
- f. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant  
May be used for Sewer expansion  
Need to partner with Brunswick County for 2024 funding  
Tabled until BOC discussion  
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

## 5. New Business

- a. Highway 87 City Center discussion with Patrick Flanagan from the Cape Fear Council of Governments and Adrienne Cox from the NC DOT  
There are federal transportation dollars available (not grants) every 2 years  
This is how DOT funds projects across the state  
Each project is given a score; funding possibilities should be scored 35 and above  
City Center currently score at 29  
There are 3 tiers of funding; State being the highest tier, then Regional then Divisional  
Next opportunity for funding request is spring/summer 2023  
Getting state grants would help with scoring but difficult to administer  
Brunswick County District Engineer, Ben Hughes is available to work with the City
- b. US DOT Federal Highway Administration Carbon Reduction Program  
Federal funding available (not grants)  
Maintenance/repair is not eligible  
20% matching funds are required  
100% to be paid in full by City before federal dollars are applied  
Must be tied to transportation  
Patrick Flanagan will review the funding requirements and will send more information as it is made available
- c. Storm Water discussion tabled until next month
- d. Parks & Rec grants tabled
- e. Annette Flanders elected Grants Committee Co-Chair

## 6. Grant Research Assignments

- a. Grant Committee to continue to review grants.gov for additional grant opportunities
- b. Annette to review the Golden Leaf's Flood Mitigation Program's application guidelines

## 7. Next meeting is 12/8/2022 4:30 PM

## 8. Adjourn