



RURAL TRANSFORMATION GRANT AGREEMENT

Requested Action (two items):

1. Motion to approve the agreement with the NC Commerce Rural Transformation Grant program and move forward with the downtown courtyard project.
2. Motion to approve the budget amendment to allocate the reimbursable funds for this project.

SUMMARY

In June of this year, staff submitted an application to the NC Commerce Rural Transformation Grant program with the concept of constructing a courtyard in the downtown parking lot. The Town was awarded \$195,000 from our application. This agenda item and requested vote would accept those funds from the State and allow staff to move forward with compiling construction documents, and final detailed renderings, then issue an RFP for construction.

Staff held a meeting with community members (attendance list is below) and asked for feedback on the courtyard. The comments were positive and included these comments:

- Public safety should be considered (emergency access, fire hydrant, placement of public art).
- Public art could tie in with Earl Scruggs.
- Parking should be maximized, however the loss of one or two spaces is probably ok.
 - o How can we promote more public parking at Town Hall?
- Consider the types of trees planted there and shade (or other options for shade).
- EV chargers could be moved if needed (or one could be moved).
- GWU students would like a space like this.
- Residents would enjoy this space.
- It creates opportunities for surrounding businesses.

Attendance: Mayor Daniel Thomas, Councilmember Tommy Greene, Mr. Chris Turner (Turner Trucking), Ms. Cathy Creswell (Talk of the Town), Mr. Micah Martin (GWU), Chris Martin (Cleveland County), Kelly Anderson (Pelican's), Manager Justin Longino, Clerk Noah Saldo, Finance Director Rhonda Allen, Public Works Director Mike Gibert, Chief Nathan Phillips, and Program Support Specialist Tracy Holland.

Our estimated timeline would be:

- Renderings/construction documents (30 days)
 - RFP Released after documents are finalized
 - Responses Collected and Reviewed (60-90 days)
 - Council awards contract for construction (at monthly council meeting)
 - Construction (60-90 days)
- Estimated timeline to completion: 8 months



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MATERIALS PROVIDED

- **Presentation from stakeholder meeting including:**
 - **Street View Rendering**
 - **Aerial Rendering**
 - **Current View**
- **Award Letter from NC Commerce**
- **Grant Agreement**
- **Budget Amendment for Funds**