



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Adam Steurer **MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2022
AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda **DEPARTMENT:** Utilities
TITLE OF ITEM: Acknowledgement for the City of Saluda to Apply for a Water System Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant – *Adam Steurer, Utilities Engineer*

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

I move City Council to adopt the Resolution By the City Council of Acknowledgement for the City of Saluda to apply for a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility grant.

SUMMARY:

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) is accepting applications for Merger/Regionalization Feasibility (MRF) grants, which allow a utility to identify and then work with partnering utilities to investigate the challenges, benefits, and implications for both utilities to merge, in part or in whole, to regionalize, or some combination thereof.

Saluda is a current municipal wholesale City of Hendersonville water customer. Saluda wishes to apply for a grant to further investigate the potential merger of its water system with the Hendersonville water system to ensure long-term viability for its customers. A letter of Acknowledgement from partnering utilities, in this case Hendersonville, is required for the grant application. The collaborations of the study are not binding, and the Acknowledgement Letter does not commit Hendersonville to act on the findings.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$0

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? n/a

If no, describe how it will be funded.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution By the City Council of Acknowledgement of the City of Saluda to apply for a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility grant