

## Walton County Department Agenda Request

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Department Name: **Parks & Recreation**

Department Head/Representative: **Jody Johnson**

Meeting Date Request: **September 2, 2025**

Has this topic been discussed at past meetings? **No**

If so, When? **NA**

TOPIC: **Walton County Health Care Foundation Grant - Acceptance**

Wording For Agenda: **Acceptance of grant funds to acquire exercise equipment for The Grove Park Community Center - \$70,968**

This Request: **Informational Purposes Only**

**Needs Action by Commissioners\* X**

\*What action are you seeking from the Commissioners? **Acceptance of grant funds for equipment**

Department Comments/Recommendation: **Accept**

Additional Documentation Attached? **Yes**

Is review of this request or accompanying documentation by the County Attorney required? **No**

If so, has a copy of the documentation been forwarded to County Attorney?

Date forwarded to County Attorney:

Has the County Attorney review been completed?

If this request involves the expenditure of county funds, please answer the following:

Approved in current budget?

Budget information attached?

Comments: **Funds would cover exercise equipment at The Grove Park Community Center**

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Purchasing Department Comments:

County Attorney Comments:

Chairman's Comments:



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June 11, 2025

Mr. Ben Garrett  
Walton County Health Care Foundation, Inc.  
133 East Church St. / P.O. Box 1026  
Monroe, Georgia 30655

Dear Sir:

The Walton County BOC Parks & Recreation Department would like to express our appreciation to the Walton County Health Care Foundation for the opportunity to participate in the WCHCF grant program.

Over the years the WCHCF has been instrumental in helping supply fitness equipment to the Walton County Parks & Recreation Community Centers. Since 2008, the grant has funded the initial set of fitness equipment for the Felker Community Center, Meridian Community Center and South Walton Community Center. The grant has also been instrumental in funding replacement equipment for those Centers as the machines have seen wear and tear from there high usage.

Over a decade and a half since that initial grant, the Walton County Parks & Recreation Community Centers have served tens of thousands of users who are striving to live a healthier life. Through the grants we have been able to promote health and offer an affordable avenue for the citizens of Walton County to exercise.

As the County grows, we are expanding as well and will open a new fitness center in Walnut Grove at The Grove Park. This new facility is slated to open towards the end of 2025. We would like to apply for the WCHCF grant to purchase the initial set of fitness equipment for this center. This grant would be instrumental in ensuring the center will have equipment for the citizens to utilize.

Please contact my office at 770-266-1680 if further information is needed.

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

Jody Johnson  
Director, Parks & Recreation