



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 6

DATE OF MEETING: September 28, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Dee Turner, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

SHORT TITLE: Approval to Apply for a Grant with Trillium Health Resources for Inclusive Playground Equipment.

BACKGROUND: Trillium Health Resources has announced Phase 2 of the “Play Together Construction Grant for Accessible Playgrounds” in which Pender County is eligible to apply. The qualifications for the grant are; (1) playground must be on City/County owned property, (2) the City/County must commit to maintain the playground, (3) ability to start construction within six months of the approval notification, which is estimated to be October 31, 2015.

The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan emphasizes providing handicap accessible facilities throughout the county. The potential grant opportunity will allow the county to expand and upgrade existing facilities to meet these identified needs. If awarded the grant, staff will work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to ensure that money is spent to maximize the handicap accessible play components available for our youth disabled population.

If awarded the grant, staff will work with a preferred playground vendor through the design stages maximizing handicap accessibility and play components to new playground construction as well as up fitting existing playgrounds. The grant structure does not require a financial match, only staff time to work with a vendor and Trillium Health Resources to procure equipment and manage the installation of any new facilities at our parks.

The grant structure is that funds from Trillium Health Resources will be awarded to Pender County upon invoice from the playground vendor and within contract scope. The County will then make payment to playground vendor for equipment and installation. If funds are provided to Pender County in this grant cycle a project contract, including budget will be presented back to the Board for approval.

Phase 1 “Play Together Construction Grant for Accessible Playgrounds” awards ranged from \$100,000-\$750,000

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