

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(11)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2009

TITLE: Grant Projects Fund –Budget Amendment to Recognize Award of Federal Section 319 Grant for Watershed Restoration

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Budget Amendment	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bing Roenigk, Management Services Roy Williford, Trish McGuire, Randy Dodd, Planning Department

PURPOSE:

Town staff has received official word that the 319 federal grant application approved by the Board in February 2009 to pursue watershed restoration has been approved for funding. The federal grant allocation awarded totals \$200,000.

INFORMATION:

The grant award is a cooperative effort with core support from Carrboro, North Carolina State University, and the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and assistance from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System and the Friends of Bolin Creek. Carrboro is the fiscal administrator of the grant and will be responsible for disbursement and reporting of the funds. The grant covers watershed restoration efforts for a stream restoration project on Dry Gulch, continued monitoring of runoff from Pacifica, and a demonstration rain garden and cistern at McDougle Elementary/Middle School.

Staff will be working to pull the info together in the near term with a goal of work beginning January 1.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT:

The proposal has been developed to require no cash match from Carrboro. About 10% of the Environmental Planner's time would be devoted to the project for two to three years, beginning in January 2010, with some support from other staff. The total grant value is \$365,000, representing additional in-kind support from NCSU, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System, and the Friends of Bolin Creek and the \$200,000 federal allocation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is requested to approve the budget amendment.