



**GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD ACTION**

County Admin Building  
128 W. Main Avenue.  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**Board of Commissioners**

**File #: 16-033**

Commissioner Fraley - To Approve the Cherryville Township Grant Recommendation **(\$500,000 Fund Balance Appropriation)**

**STAFF CONTACT**

Earl Mathers, County Manager (704) 866-3101

**BUDGET IMPACT**

Reduces Fund Balance by \$500,000.

**BACKGROUND**

During its 10/27/2015 Regular Meeting, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2015-292, to approve a Township Improvement Grant Program to be funded from the proceeds of the CaroMont Lease and authorized \$3,500,000 from the proceeds to be distributed within each township. Each Township is eligible for \$500,000 in grant proceeds (with the exception of Gastonia Township, which is eligible for \$1,000,000). At the direction of the Board, the County Manager facilitated an application process and grant requests were accepted until December 31, 2015.

***The following project(s) were recommended for the Cherryville Township (See the Attached Project Recommendations Packet for more detail)***

- ***Cherryville High/Nixon Gym Floor (BOE) - \$88,500***
- ***Cherryville Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$20,000***
- ***American Legion Post 100 Renovations - \$25,000***

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-039	01/26/2016	JW	MP	A	A	A	N	A	A	A	6 - 1

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- **City of Cherryville Projects - \* Proposal B - \$366,500**
  - \* **Water line Upgrade (after match) - \$73k**
  - \* **Police Dept. Water Problem - \$75k**
  - \* **Park Upgrades - \$46.5k**
  - \* **Water Plant Upgrades - \$160k**
  - \* **Old Bank Cleanup (façade improvements) - \$12k**

Approval of this request authorizes the County Attorney to draft the necessary contracts and authorizes the County Manager to execute said contracts on behalf of Gaston County.

Approval of this request also authorizes the County Manager to prepare the necessary budget changes to commit funds for these projects. These budget changes will be submitted to the BOC at the 2/9/2016 Regular Meeting for informational purposes only.

**POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

**Gaston County  
Township Investment Grant Applications**

**Cherryville Township**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Approval</b>
Cherryville High/Nixon Gym Floor (BOE)	\$ 148,000	\$ 88,500
Cherryville Crisis Pregnancy Center	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
American Legion Post 100 Renovations	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
City of Cherryville Projects/ * <i>Proposal B</i>	\$ 461,500	\$ 366,500
* <i>Water line Upgrade (after match) - \$73k</i>		
* <i>Police Dept. Water Problem - \$75k</i>		
* <i>Park Upgrades - \$46.5k</i>		
* <i>Water Plant Upgrades - \$160k</i>		
* <i>Old Bank Cleanup (façade improvements) - \$12k</i>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 654,500</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>

**Gaston County Commissioners—Township Grant Application  
December 2015**

**Project/Program Name:** Cherryville High/Nixon Gym Floor

**Sponsoring Commissioner:** Commissioner Alan Fraley

**Applicant Organization/Contact Person:** Gaston County Board of Education;  
Superintendent Jeff Booker 704-866-6111

**Township Name:** Cherryville

**Amount Requested:** \$148,000

**Program/Project Description and Estimated Duration:** (please see attachment)

**Evaluation Matrix**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1. Impact:</b> Percentage of the population of the township or county as a whole served by the program and the significance of the benefit received.	1 - 5	5
<b>2. Sustainability:</b> The extent to which the program or capital improvement can be sustained without additional county financial support.	1 - 5	5
<b>3. Match/Leverage:</b> Other resources are available to fund a portion of the project. (Outside support of 50% or more results in a maximum score of 5 for this criterion.)	1 – 5	4
<b>4. Job Creation/Economic Development:</b> The program or improvement results in or fosters job creation and/or economic development.	1 – 5	3
<b>5. Education:</b> Significant gains in primary, secondary or high education are associated with the program or project.	1 – 5	5
<b>6. Quality of Life/Health/Safety:</b> The project or program yields significant benefits in one or more of these areas for Gaston County residents.	1 – 5	5
<b>Total</b>	6 - 30	27

## **Program/Project Narrative**

The Cherryville Township includes five schools with a student population of nearly 2,000. The replacement of the playing floor at Nixon Gym will improve the facility as well as enhance the safety and quality of life for students and the entire Cherryville Township. Nixon Gym is used daily by both the high school and W. Blaine Beam Intermediate School. The community is also heavily involved in activities that utilize Nixon Gym.

This facility has a rich and vibrant history in Cherryville and is in critical need of a playing surface floor. Approval of this application will allow activities at Nixon Gym to continue in a safe and beneficial manner for the citizens of Cherryville and the many additional citizens who participate and attend events at this facility.

This Request includes a match by schools and community members of \$12,000.

The cost of a new playing surface floor for Nixon Gym is \$160,000 minus the \$12,000 match for a Township Request total of \$148,000.



MAIN: 700 Robinson Road

Gastonia, NC 28056 704-867-3706

Phone 704-868-5854 Fax 704-868-4656

EAST: 399 Belmont Mt. Holly Road

Belmont, NC 28012 704-827-0806

WEST: 2782 Fairview Drive

Gastonia, NC 28052 704-884-1098

NORTH: 717 Gastonia Technology Pkwy.

Dallas, NC 28034 704-349-3497

NORTHWEST: 2535 Tryon Courthouse Road

Bessemer City, NC 28016 704-884-1098

Email: [cpcdir@gmail.com](mailto:cpcdir@gmail.com) Website: [www.cpcgaston.net](http://www.cpcgaston.net)

November 16, 2015

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc.  
Request for Township Funding  
Amount Requested: \$20,000.00

Dear Mr. Earl Mathers and Board of Commissioners,

As our letterhead indicates, Crisis Pregnancy Center is strategically located in areas of greatest need in Gaston County. On January 25 we will be opening our fifth location in the Cherryville Township at 2535 Tryon Courthouse Road. This location .2 miles from Tryon Elementary, though having a Bessemer City address is within the township of Cherryville. This location will be ideal to serve citizens in the area with much needed help including but not limited to ... Pregnancy test, Peer Counseling, Ultrasound, Adolescent Parenting, Abstinence Education, Maternity Clothes, Baby Clothes, Car Seats, Pack & Plays, Diapers, Wipes, Baby Supplies, Formula, Baby Food, Blankets and more. All of our services are free and confidential.

Since 1986, **Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc.** has offered all of our services for **free** thanks to the donations and support of individuals, churches and businesses across Gaston County and the entire country.

Initiating and upfitting this location would be greatly enhanced with the awarding of your grant. In light of the recent decline of the number of physicians offering medical services in this area, we are prepared to "hit the ground running" with a site already in progress. Then the citizens of Cherryville can more conveniently avail themselves to the same quality of service that we have offered to other areas of Gaston County for almost three decades. Commissioner Allan Fraley's work must be commended in seeking out community changers such as CPC.

Thank you for your consideration. For further questions or information contact me at 704-953-2612 or [cpcdir@gmail.com](mailto:cpcdir@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

  
Ancil Overbey III

CEO

Enclosures: Copy of 501 © 3; W-9

Serving Greater Gaston Area and A Greater God Since 1986 ...



**Project/Program Name** Opening of satellite Crisis Pregnancy Center in Cherryville Township

**Sponsoring Commissioner** Mr. Allan Fraley

**Applicant Organization, Contact Information and Contact Person** Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc.  
700 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC 28054 Dr. Ancil Overbey III, [cpcdir@gmail.com](mailto:cpcdir@gmail.com) 704-953-2612

**Township Name** Cherryville

**Amount Requested** \$20,000.00

**Program/Project Description** The funds will be used to open a new location at 2535 Tryon Courthouse Road, serving clients with unplanned pregnancies while hiring 1-2 staff who will work the northwest part of Gaston County.

**Estimated Duration of the Project or Program** Project will involve up fitting and initiating a secured location and the work will continue in that setting for years to come.

#### Evaluation Matrix

Criteria	Weight	Score
<p><b>1. Impact:</b> Percentage of the population of the township or county as a whole served by the program and the significance of the benefit received.</p> <p>93% percent of our clients come from Gaston, with the remaining coming from Cleveland, Mecklenburg, and York counties. We have established a niche in this county for helping those in crisis pregnancy situations and the debt free facility unfitted by volunteers vividly illustrates this compassion with excellence. We serve all clients without regard to race, religion, sex or national origin without charge.</p>	1 – 5	
<p><b>2. Sustainability:</b> The extent to which the program or capital improvement can be sustained without additional county financial support.</p> <p>Crisis Pregnancy Center has been in operation in Gaston County since 1986. During that time we have served more than 2500 clients each year with excellence and compassion. We are now in four physical locations in Gaston County and have a satellite location in Lincoln County. Gaston County citizens are blessed to have multiple outreaches for ministry to those in crisis and unplanned pregnancies. We know that this issue demands collaboration and we readily work with these and other agencies to help our clients make good choices on the issue of choosing life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ <i>CPC Gastonia, Monday – Friday, 24 hour Helpline</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CP East Belmont/Mt. Holly/Cramerton/Lowell/McAdenville/ Monday - Thursday</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CP West Highland/28052/Bessemer City/West Gastonia, Mondays, Wednesdays</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CP North Dallas/Cherryville/High Shoals/Stanley, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CPC Lincoln County, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CP at Gaston County Health Dept., Fridays of each week</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CP at Gaston County Jail, 5 days per month.</i></li> <li>✚ <i>CP at Gaston County Schools – almost daily during school term</i></li> </ul> <p><i>We also collaborate extensively with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ <i>On Eagle's Wings – HOPE House for girls brought out of sex trafficking.</i></li> <li>✚ <i>Room at the INN in Belmont for girls who are 18+ pregnant/college bound</i></li> <li>✚ <i>Dream Center at Bethlehem West</i></li> <li>✚ <i>Bethany Adoption, Amazing Grace Adoption and Christian Adoption</i></li> <li>✚ <i>Christway Counseling, First ARP      The Least of These (Foster Parenting)</i></li> <li>✚ <i>Hope for Gaston      Gaston County Schools</i></li> <li>✚ <i>Health Department and      DSS for Medicaid referrals</i></li> </ul>	1 – 5	

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<b>Total</b>	6 – 30	

Have you ever received funding from any governmental entity in the past five years? [ ] NO [x] YES

Governmental Entity	Amount Received	Purpose	Year
Gaston County Family Advisory Board	\$ 10,000.00	APP	2015-16
Gaston County Family Advisory Board	\$ 9,100.00	Birds/Bees	2014-15
Gaston County Family Advisory Board	\$10,000.00	APP	2013-14
Gaston County Family Advisory Board	\$ 3,668.00	Birds/Bees	2012-13
Gaston County Family Advisory Board	\$ 9,815.00	APP	2011-12

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CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER OF GASTON  
COUNTY  
700 ROBINSON RD  
GASTONIA NC 28056



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Employer Identification Number: 56-1499208  
Person to Contact: MS SINGLETON  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Sep. 17, 2015, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in AUGUST 1986.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>Crisis Pregnancy Center Of Gaston County, Inc.</b>	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <b>Note.</b> For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ <b>501 (C) (3)</b>	
	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) <b>700 Robinson Road</b>	Requester's name and address (optional) <b>Gaston County Department of Budget &amp; Purchasing 128 West Main Street, Gastonia, NC 28053</b>
	6 City, state, and ZIP code <b>Gastonia, NC 28056</b>	
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

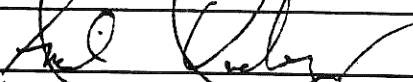
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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ 	Date ▶ <b>10/21/15</b>
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.*

By signing the filled-out form, you:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
- Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**CHERRYVILLE POST NO. 100**

215 North Pink Street  
Cherryville, NC 28021

(704)435-3794



**Project Name:** American Legion Post 100 Cherryville

**Sponsoring Commissioner:** Commissioner Alan Fraley, Cherryville Township

**Applicant Organization:** America Legion Post 100 Cherryville

**Contact Information:** American Legion Post 100 – Tax ID #56-6088212  
215 N. Pink Street  
Cherryville, NC 28021

**Contact Persons:** [trobinson54@carolina.rr.com](mailto:trobinson54@carolina.rr.com)  
Mike Robinson, Post Commander  
Home Phone: 704-480-6781  
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**Township Name:** Cherryville

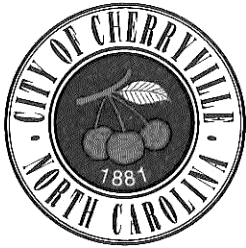
**Amount Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Program / Project Description:** Remove old flooring in the building and replacing it. Contractors who have looked at this project have stated that the foundation will not allow new flooring to be placed over the old due to the weight of the materials. The tiles that are on the floor at this time are cracking and the wooden floor beneath is beginning to show through. We are also looking to replace the heat and air conditioning unit to the building that is almost 20 years old to-date. The wiring in the building is failing and is in need of upgrading. Also the furniture in the lodge that is used by many of the citizens of Cherryville is in need of being replaced. The chairs are worn and coming apart and the tables are warped due to many years of use.

- 1) The impact to the Township of Cherryville and surrounding community is that it will provide an up-to-date facility to our veterans as well as all citizens of Cherryville and Gaston County. The American Legion Post 100 facility provides services to all citizens who are in need but most particular by performing last rites at funerals of veterans; providing transportation for veterans to and from doctor's appointments as requested; collection of clothing for veterans in need;

supports the Comfort Warriors Program by providing personal items needed by any veteran; visitation program for any veteran in local nursing facilities; Toys For Tots toy drive; sponsor three (3) students to Boys State annually; provide a meeting location for The Cherryville Shrine Club monthly; provide a facility for Cherryville Area Ministries to use to feed those in need of meals; and other private gatherings.

- 2) The only operational funds received by American Legion Post 100 is that generated from storage rental units, donations from members and private citizens, and from the admission and concession fees generated from the American Post 100 Baseball Team which is reinvested in the baseball program to provide equipment, uniforms, program fees, coach's salaries, transportation of players and all expenses related to supporting the Cherryville Post 100 Baseball Team.
- 3) There are no other funding resources available to American Legion Post 100.
- 4) Improvements to this facility will support our veterans and all community members.
- 5) The American Legion Post 100 sponsors three (3) students to Boys State and provides an environment through the Baseball Program to support education of both the government and sports education.
- 6) The American Legion Post 100 yields significant benefits to veterans and all Cherryville and Gaston County community members by supporting their quality of life, health and safety. The funds from this request will make the building a safer and more up-to-date facility for their use.



OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

# City of Cherryville

116 South Mountain Street

**NORTH CAROLINA 28021**

Phone: (704) 435-1710

FAX: (704) 435-1707

December 29, 2015

Gaston County  
PO Box 1578  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28053  
Attn: Mr. Earl Mathers, County Manager

Dear Mr. Mathers,

Please find enclosed applications for funding from the Gaston County Board of Commissioners for projects relating specifically to the needs of the City of Cherryville. In keeping with Commissioner Fraley's agreement with City of Cherryville officials I am submitting two (2) separate proposals. Proposal A includes a request in the amount of \$444,500 of which \$250,000 will be used towards renovation of the former BB&T bank building for use as the city's administration facility, as well as leased office space and an entertainment venue. Proposal B requests funds totaling \$461,500 which includes diverse city projects without the former BB&T building renovation request.

There are reasons for the submission of two (2) proposals. Presently, the city is in negotiations with an interested buyer of the former BB&T building, which is owned by the city. If it is sold, the buyer will then assume all the responsibility of renovating the structure to suits his/her needs. It is intended that this will occur prior to the county's disbursement of the grant monies awarded (If the city's grant award includes the \$250,000 for the bank building renovation project.) Therefore, the city submits Proposal B as a "safety net" procedure in the event the sale of the bank building is successful.

I thank you for your review and consideration for Gaston County funding of these important and much needed improvements to our city's infrastructure and facility needs. If I can answer or address any concerns relating to these matters, please feel free to contact me. As always, I remain,

Respectfully,

Ben T. Blackburn  
City Manager  
Cherryville, NC

# **GASTON COUNTY TOWNSHIP GRANT**

## **City of Cherryville**

Ben Blackburn, City Manager  
Township Grant Prioritization (\$450,000)  
December 29, 2015

### **Project Priorities – B**

#### **1. Water line upgrade - \$148,000 \*Potential \$75,000 match**

- The Public Works Department has requested grant funding for several water infrastructure projects. The projects will consist of elimination of small-galvanized waterlines, looping projects, and installation of larger mains for fire protection. The projects will be listed below:
- Brown St., White St., and Black St. - Replacement of old galvanized lines with new larger pvc lines with adequate fire protection as required by the state of North Carolina. Will improve pressure, and water quality.
- Delview - Loop 12" waterline together between the annexation area and the existing waterline on Delview. Increase pressure and water quality.
- Carlton - Replace small-galvanized waterlines with new larger PVC waterlines. Pressure and water quality improvements.
- Total project costs to be estimated at \$148,000.00 with a possible \$75,000.00 match coming from existing funds. All the projects would score highly on the requirements set forth by the county.

#### **2. Police Dept. water problem (basement/paving) - \$75,000**

- The purchase and installation of a new heating and air system in the main building. Current system has been submerged under water and presents health risk to air quality in the building. The unit is also at the end of its life expectancy.
- Paving the gravel parking lot behind police department. The current gravel parking prevents water from being channeled properly by the concrete guttering, causing the yard to flood and fill the basement of the police department with water. The gutter is full of gravel and silt preventing water from draining properly.
- Clean up and mold removal from basement to prevent potential health risk.

●Connectivity of the two existing police department structures. The back walk area needs to be enclosed to make the building one enclosed structure. The enclosure will enhance the safety and quality of the work environment. The current design requires exiting one structure to access the other. Sworn and civilian personnel must transition from one structure to the other regularly to perform their duties. This presents safety, security, and weather related issues, especially during nighttime hours with our civilian staff.

**3. Park upgrade(s) - \$46,500**

● The Recreation Department has requested grant funding for several Park Improvement Projects. The projects will consist of installation of new equipment, landscaping, fencing, and safety measures. The projects will be listed below:

●Edwards Park - New equipment, sidewalk repair, and landscaping.

●Ben Black - Landscaping, sidewalk repairs, fencing, and painting.

●Ballard - New fencing around CV Thornburg parks along with safety rail. New safety rail at HT White also.

●Moss - Needed landscaping and possibly some equipment if funding allows.

●Total project costs to be estimated at \$46,500.00. All the projects would score highly on the requirements set forth by the county.

**4. Community Building upgrades - \$95,000**

●Community Building renovations: Flooring, Counter tops, Painting, Lighting, Update equipment, HVAC, Kitchen, Council Chambers, Landscaping & Bathrooms

**5. Water Plant upgrades (2 filters, 1 pump) - \$160,000**

●Rebuild filters 1 & 2 that have never been rebuilt since the water plant was built in 1963. The cost would be \$40,000 per pump or \$80,000 for the two. We can no longer use the surface sweeps on these filters because one of the sweeps has broken and is in the media. The filters are the last phase of the treatment process and are the most crucial to the treatment process.

●The high service pumps that pump our water to the tanks are also the original pumps. The pump that is used the most is our 2MGD pump. I am asking that you consider this project. The cost to install a new pump would be about \$80,000. This would help with the quantity of water pumped to town and would help greatly if we had a major fire leak. All three of our pumps have outlived their life expectancy. The efficiency of the pump is only about 60%. We would save on power with a newer more energy efficient pump.

Not Recommended  
For Approval



**6. Old Bank (outside cleanup) - \$12,000**

- Outside façade improvements: Painting, Pressure Washing, Windows Cleaning & Stabilization.

TOTAL - \$536,500

\*Potential Match - \$75,000

TOTAL - \$461,500

Township Recommendation - Proposal B - \$366,500 (Community Building \$95k excluded)

**Gaston County Township Grant  
Cherryville Water Infrastructure Improvement Projects**

**Commissioner : Mr. Allen Fraley**

**City of Cherryville  
116 South Mountain Street  
Cherryville, NC 28021**

**Water Distribution Department 704-435-1737  
Brandon Abernathy : 704-214-1169**

**Cherryville Township**

**\$148,000.00**

## **Project Description:**

The Public Works Department is requesting grant funding for several water infrastructure projects. The projects listed below will consist of eliminating small galvanized waterlines with new PVC water lines, looping waterlines, to eliminate dead end lines, and install larger mains. This will allow the City to install fire hydrants for fire protection and the ability to flush for better water quality.

***Brown Street, White Street, and Black Street*** - Replacement of old small 1" to 1 1/2" galvanized lines that were installed nearly sixty (60) years ago with new larger PVC lines to improve water pressure, water quality, and provide adequate fire protection pressure as required by North Carolina Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources. This will affect approximately thirty homes directly but will also impact all customers system wide by increasing circulation and pressure to that part of the system. This project has been on a replacement list for the Water Distribution System for several years. The project will consist of replacing over 1520' linear feet on distribution; including over 20 service lines and the installation of at least two (2) fire hydrants. Estimated cost of project for this area is around \$40,000.00.

***Delview Road*** - This project will require the City to loop the existing 12" PVC waterline between the annexation area located at Blue Street and the existing dead end waterline on Delview Road. This project would require the installation of approximately 1500' linear feet of 12" PVC water line and connecting in all cross streets between the connection points. It would also include the replacement of two (2) older hydrants with new ones and replacing around five (5) service lines. This will increase pressure in the Delview area and bring the City back into compliance with NCDENR's on minimum fire flows.

It will also create better circulation which will improve water quality like discoloration and taste. This project has been on the improvement list for several years and will have an impact on the entire distribution system by solving pressure and quality issues in the targeted area. The estimated cost of this project is \$75,000.00. The City has already purchased the materials leaving a balance of labor totaling approximately \$50,000.00.

***Carlton Mill Area*** - Replace small galvanized 1" to 1 1/2" waterlines with new larger PVC to eliminate the water discoloration and to meet NCDENR standards on water quality. This will require the replacement 2300' linear feet of galvanized line with new larger 2" to 6" PVC waterlines. This will eliminate low pressure and water quality issues in this area including fire flows and water discoloration. This will impact over twenty homes directly with new service lines but will also impact the whole system with cleaner water and adequate pressures for fire suppression. This project will cost an estimated \$45,000.00 which would include the installation and materials.

All the projects above are on the replacement list in the Capital Project Plan for the City along with the list we provide to NCDENR annually. They are all very important to maintaining quality water and adequate pressures throughout the system for fire suppression. This in turn keeps all our citizens healthy and safe. It even keeps the cost of the citizens home-owners insurance down by providing fire protection and keeping the ISO rating at a high level. Water is an essential part of human life and impacts everyone not only our citizens but everyone who comes through our town. It also impacts the economic growth of our City and County by providing proper infrastructure for companies and industries looking to locate to our area. Without proper infrastructure the City or surrounding areas cannot grow.

Total projects costs listed above are estimated at \$148,000.00 with a possible \$75,000.00 match coming from existing budget. This money will not only improve the Water Distribution System for all citizens but will help the City keep rates down by funding needed projects that would have normally been funded by the City. This project will score very high with an estimated twenty-six (26) out of a possible thirty (30) on the Evaluation Matrix. This would make it a prime project for the grant proceeds.

### **Estimated Time to Completion:**

This is an extensive list of projects that would require the accepting of bids and awarding contracts on those bids according to the City's Purchasing Policy. Therefore assuring that each project would be as economical and efficient as possible. This is so that every citizen would be getting the best quality of work for the best price but also stimulating the economy by providing shovel ready projects to qualified construction companies. This in turn creates jobs and puts funds back into our economy. The estimated completion time on all the projects should be within twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months weather permitting.

**Gaston County Township Grant  
Cherryville Police Department**

**Commissioner Allen Fraley**

**City of Cherryville  
116 S. Mountain Street  
Cherryville, NC 28021**

To whom it may concern:

The Cherryville Police Department is requesting \$75,000.00, of the township grant money to address the following issues:

- The purchase and installation of a new heating and air system in the main building. Current system has been submerged under water and presents health risk to air quality in the building. The unit is also at the end of its life expectancy.
- Paving the gravel parking lot behind police department. The current gravel parking prevents water from being channeled properly by the concrete guttering, causing the yard to flood and fill the basement of the police department with water. The gutter is full of gravel and silt preventing water from draining properly.
- Clean up and mold removal from basement to prevent potential health risk.
- Connectivity of the two existing police department structures. The back walk area needs to be enclosed to make the building one enclosed structure. The enclosure will enhance the safety and quality of the work environment. The current design requires exiting one structure to access the other. Sworn and civilian personnel must transition from one structure to the other regularly to perform their duties. This presents safety, security, and weather related issues, especially during night time hours with our civilian staff.

**Impact:** Percentage of the population of the township or county as a whole served by the program and the significance of the benefit received.

- The proposed equipment, repairs, and renovation request for the Cherryville Police Department will benefit every tax paying resident and business owner in the Cherryville community, as well as other county residents and business owners. Cherryville Police Department provides police services not only to the Cherryville community, but many residents and business owners in portions of the unincorporated county just outside of Cherryville. Cherryville Police Department assist the Gaston County Police Department in the unincorporated areas when requested.

**Sustainability:** The extent to which the program or capital improvement can be sustained without additional county financial support.

- The proposed equipment, repairs, and renovation request for the Cherryville Police Department will not require additional funding or support from the county. Once the repairs, and renovations are complete there will be no additional funding needed.
- After the initial equipment purchase and repairs are completed, the ongoing routing maintenance and repair cost will be handled through the normal budgetary process.

**Match/Leverage:** Other resources are available to fund a portion of the project. (Outside support of 50% or more results in a maximum score of 5 for this criterion.)

- Not Applicable

**Job Creation/Economic Development:** The program or improvement results in or fosters job creation and/or economic development.

- Cherryville Police Department is located on Highway 150 which is the main road through our city. The current facility is in need of cosmetic repairs and has a gravel parking lot visible from the roadway. Potential businesses and those looking to own a home in Cherryville look negatively on cities that do not maintain a professional facility. They are looking for cities that take pride in their facilities and invest in the community. If our city facilities do not portray a professional image it could have a negative affect and play a role in their decision to invest in our community.

- The current gravel parking prevents water from being channeled properly by the concrete guttering, causing the yard to flood and fill the basement of the police department with water. The gutter is full of gravel and silt preventing water from draining properly. There is an ongoing cost to add gravel each year and the manpower to constantly fill holes and keep the gravel spread evenly.

**Education:** Significant gains in primary, secondary or higher education are associated with the program or project.

- Not Applicable

**Quality of Life/Health/Safety:** The project or program yields significant benefits in one or more of these areas for Gaston County residents.

- The purchase and installation of a new heating and air system in the main building. Current system has been submerged under water and presents health risk to air quality in the building. The unit is also at the end of its life expectancy. Employees of the Cherryville Police Department receive salaries and benefits from the tax payers. Having healthy employees is critical to providing the best quality of service to our community. Poor air quality is linked to serious and long term health issues and can potentially cost tax payers millions. Lost time from work also has negative consequences for our community who depend on public safety to be adequately staffed in times of emergencies.
- Connectivity of the two existing police department structures. The back walk area needs to be enclosed to make the building one enclosed structure. The enclosure will enhance the safety and quality of the work environment. The current design requires exiting one structure to access the other. Sworn and civilian personnel must transition from one structure to the other regularly to perform their duties. This presents safety, security, and weather related issues, especially during night time hours with our civilian staff.

Chief Chad E. Hawkins  
Cherryville Police Department  
704 East Church Street  
Cherryville, NC 28021  
(704) 435-1717



**Gaston County Township Grant  
Cherryville Park Improvement Projects**

**Commissioner : Mr. Allen Fraley**

**City of Cherryville  
116 South Mountain Street  
Cherryville, NC 28021**

**Recreation Department : 704-435-1737  
Brandon Abernathy : 704-214-1169**

**Cherryville Township**

**\$46,000.00**

## **Project Description:**

Recreation is vital to every community providing a much needed service to all citizens young and old. It plays a great role in quality of life and even impacts economic development to a certain extent. Although it is only a piece that makes up a great community but it is a very important one. The Cherryville Recreation Department has requested grant funding for several Park Renovations and Improvement Projects. The projects will consist of several projects including the installation of new equipment, landscaping, new fencing, and new safety measures to protect the sporting participants. The projects are listed below:

***Edwards Park*** - Installation of new equipment to include new swings and replace the outdated ones located at the park now. Repair of several areas of sidewalk that has been broken up due to age and use. Several areas will get new fencing especially around the basketball courts and new landscaping installed to beautify the area. Edwards Park is a staple of the community being one of the most used parks in the City. The lighted basketball courts draw players of all ages twelve months of the year. The picnic area and play equipment are utilized by a large part of the population including several local churches. This park upgrade would help everyone in the community from creating jobs for the construction work to quality of life of our citizens. These park improvements have been included in the City's Capital Project Plan for years and would be a great project for this grant.

***Ben Black Park*** - Installation of new landscaping including new timbers to create edging around the equipment. Repairs to the half court basketball area including new benches. Fencing repairs around the old tennis courts and painting of the older equipment. This park is used very frequently not only by the citizens located around the park but by all citizens especially the ones that play basketball. This park is located in one of the bigger residential

areas providing a great area to bring your kids and animals. Although it is one of our smaller parks it plays a great role in the lives of many citizens.

***Ballard Park*** - One of the largest complexes in the City Ballard Park houses a large part of the City's recreation facilities. This is where several non-profit organizations like Little League and Dixie Youth hold there seasons of softball and baseball. There is the City swimming pool, a half court basketball court, horse-shoe area, picnic shelter, and walking track. This park has something to do for everyone in town. The grant would include new fencing for CV Thornburg Fields along with new safety rail on top to prevent injury along with new safety rail installed at all fields at the HT White Fields. This park is one of the most active we have holding some type of sporting event daily for almost every month of the year.

***Moss Park*** - This is the second largest complex at the City. It houses two baseball/softball fields along with two concession stands, half court basketball area, and a three (3) court tennis facility. This complex is used all twelve (12) months of the year and utilized by non-profits like the Cherryville Little Ironmen Football (formally Pop Warner), Cherryville High School JV Baseball, Cherryville High School Tennis and John Chavis Middle School Baseball. The grant would help pay for new landscaping, new benches and some needed fencing repairs around the park. This park is not only used by the citizens of Cherryville but many non-profit organizations throughout the county and state. The improvements to this park have also been in the City CIP for years.

Again all the park improvements listed above impact the total community including the citizens of Cherryville, Gaston County residents, participants of the public school athletics, and lots of other people associated with other non-profits in the county and state. Total project cost is estimated at \$46,500.00 for all the improvements listed above. The projects above would score very high on the Evaluation Matrix due the quality of life and the large impact on the citizens of Cherryville and Gaston County.

### **Estimated Time to Completion:**

The projects listed would have to go through the bid process to ensure that the citizens got the best quality of work for the price according to the City's Purchasing Policy and then bids awarded before construction could begin. Weather would have an impact as well so this project could take up to twelve (12) months to complete.



**Project/Program Name:**

**City of Cherryville Water Plant Upgrades**

**Sponsoring Commissioner: Allen Fraley**

**Applicant Organization: City of Cherryville**

**Contact Information: City Manager's Office 704-435-1711**

**Contact Person: Ben Blackburn, City Manager**

**Township Name: Cherryville**

**Amount Requested: \$ 160,000.00**

**Program/Project Description: Water Plant Upgrades/**

**Rebuild 2 Filters / Replace one 2MGD High Service Pump**

**Estimated Duration of the Project: 25 years**

Rebuild 2 Filters-The City of Cherryville Water Plant has four filters and two of the filters have never been rebuilt since the original 1963 installation. We can no longer use the surface sweeps which are used to help clean the upper surface of the filters. This filter is still in use but is limited due to the inability to adequately clean the filter. The filters are critical in the water treatment process, as they help remove pathogens and contaminants. We have a hard time in the winter with cold weather which affects the filtering process because of the age of these filters. We have to backwash them more frequent. We use a lot of water in backwashing both of these filters which uses finished water that we have to replace. The State has recommended on several occasions that these filters be rebuilt. The rebuilding of these filters consists of taking the filters out of service and draining all the water out of them. The media consisting of sand and all gravel would have to be vacuumed out. The filter walls and bottom would then be pressure washed, and all excess water removed. The Leopold tile bottoms would then be inspected for any cracks and excess wear. They would be repaired if necessary. The surface sweeps would then be inspected and repaired. The gravel and sand would then be replaced with new which meets State requirements. The filters would then have to be backwashed at least a couple of times to remove any loose particles. The cost of this filter project is estimated to be: \$80,000.00 total for both filters. (Due to the construction, and valves in the filters, both will have to be done at the same time). By rebuilding these filters the Water Plant would be able to meet all State and EPA that are required with no problem. We would be able to produce a very high quality of water which would benefit all of the City of Cherryville Water customers. We would be able to run our plant at the 3.2 million gallon a day rate so we could take on a business or businesses that uses water and that could create jobs for the area.

If funded this project would benefit all Citizens and Customers of Cherryville. This would significantly improve the quality of water produced, and in turn would improve public health protection. In funding this project, the filters should last for at least another 25 years before more work would be needed.

Replace 2.0 MGD High Service Pump - The City of Cherryville has one - 2.0 Million Gallon per day high service pump, which pumps all of the City's water to the elevated tanks which is then used by the customers. This pump was originally installed in 1974, and has lost its pumping efficiency. The motor has been rewound several times. The pump has a lot of wear. Should something happen to this pump that has to be out of service for any length of time it would take much longer to fill both tanks. This would be extremely bad if we had a major leak or fire. This pump also requires a lot of maintenance because of the age. The motor starter is obsolete and it is very difficult to find parts when a problem arises. This means the pump is out of service until parts can be located. New pumps, motors, and motor starters are far more efficient, and should result in significant electrical cost savings. This pump also provides all water used for fire protection, which provides safety to all citizens.

If funded, a new high service pump should also require far less ongoing maintenance, thus resulting in additional cost savings. A new pump would also provide more reliable pumping capacity and should provide additional water for future business growth. It would also provide safety to all citizens should we have a major leak or fire. We are required by the State to keep the pressure on our water system above 20 psi even during firefighting. This pump should meet these requirements. The estimated life span of this project should serve the City for another 20+ years. The cost of this high service pump project is estimated to be: \$80,000.00

We all need to remember that water is the most important and precious God given natural resource on earth. All living things need water to survive. It is the most precious resource that is sometimes taken for granite.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these projects.