



Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Grant Applications

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Jamie Justice, Town Manager

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Re: Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Grant Applications

1. OVERVIEW

The town board has discussed several potential projects for roadways, greenways, and parks. The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) provides grants to local governments for transportation-related projects. Their next grant cycle for discretionary grant funding begins in August and closes in October. The grants are typically an 80% grant with a 20% local match. This source of funding is one of the primary grant options for Davidson for transportation projects. To make applications, staff would work with an engineer to refine the cost estimates for the applications as well as work with CRTPO staff to best position these projects for grant funding.

Staff has reviewed the potential projects and determined the ones that are the most likely to be eligible for CRTPO grant funding:

- Highway 115 and Beaty Street intersection improvements.
- Potts Sloan Beaty phase 2 - Beaty Street multiuse path from Griffith Street to Highway 115.
- Grey Road multiuse path from Wolfe Street to Abersham Park.
- River Run to Summers Walk Greenway - engineering study phase.

Project Name	Total Cost Estimate	Potential Grant	Potential Local Match
Intersection - Highway 115 and Beaty St.	\$ 1,265,000	\$ 1,012,000	\$ 253,000
Potts Sloan Beaty - Phase 2 - Beaty St. Multi-use Path	\$ 1,525,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 325,000
Grey Road Multiuse Path - Wolfe to Abersham Park	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 800,000
River Run to Summers Walk*	\$ 525,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 105,000
* engineering study phase only			

The board is asked to authorize staff to proceed with making applications for these projects. The 20% local match could come from the 2017 general obligation (GO) bonds.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic plan:

- Mobility/Transportation Goal: The town of Davidson will enable citizens to move freely throughout the town via transit, car, bicycle, and on foot.
- Greenways, Open Space, and Parks Goal: The town of Davidson will increase physical and mental health of Davidson citizens. Preserve open space and promote Greenway connectivity. Provide ample opportunities for play and discovery (active and passive).
- Operations Goal: The town of Davidson will maintain organizational excellence through sound financial management, training and retention of quality employees, and superior service to the community.
- Partnerships Goal: The town of Davidson will build on existing relationships to strengthen partnerships with strategic organizations and institutions.

Core value(s):

- Citizens need to move easily throughout the town and region, so government will provide a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, connected streets, and transit.
- Citizens entrust town government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost.
- The physical, social, and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community, so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.
- Davidson exists in proximity to and is interdependent with other jurisdictions, so we strive for local, regional, state and federal cooperation.

Constituents served:

All citizens.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Option 1: Authorize the proposed grant applications.

Pros:

Takes advantage of the window of opportunity for grant funding.

Takes advantage of the possibility of getting projects done at a rate of \$.20 on the dollar for Davidson.

Cons:

If successful, the Town is committing 20% of the project costs for the local match.

Option 2: Not authorize the proposed grant applications.

Pros:

Would not commit the 20% of the project costs for local match and those funds could be used elsewhere.

Cons:

Would miss out on this window of opportunity for grant funding.

Would miss out on the possibility of getting projects done at a rate of \$.20 on the dollar for Davidson.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend authorizing staff to make grant applications for the proposed projects.

5. NEXT STEPS

If approved by the board, staff will make applications for the next funding cycle that closes in October. Grant awards are expected to be made in early 2020.