

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING THROUGH THE 2016 CLEAN AIR ACT GRANT PROGRAM (OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approximately \$2,200,000 in grant funding under Section 105 of the Clean Air Act in EPA Region 4 that some state and local agencies were unable to use in prior years or are unable to accept in 2016.

The EPA is seeking to make this grant funding available to state and local agencies who have needs in 2016 for technical equipment for their air pollution monitoring networks that cannot be met with existing grant funding.

The Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection requests permission to apply for \$54,000 in supplemental grant funding from the EPA to purchase five new pieces of technical equipment to replace outdated and aging equipment which has become difficult and expensive to maintain and operate in the County's local air quality monitoring program. The five pieces of equipment needed are a new Zero Air Supply, two Alicat calibrated air flow devices, a Vaisala Weather Transmitter and a Met One Beta Attenuation Monitor/Sampler for Particulate Matter pollution (PM<sub>2.5</sub>/PM<sub>10</sub>).

There is no additional local match required for this supplemental grant funding.

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

  
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: March 9, 2016

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of an application, on behalf of Forsyth County and its Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a supplemental funding allocation through the 2016 Clean Air Act Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2016 Clean Air Act supplemental grant application will total \$54,000 to support the purchase of five (5) pieces of technical equipment to replace aging equipment, used in the local air quality monitoring program, which has become outdated and expensive to maintain and operate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County and its Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection, any necessary documents to submit the said 2016 Clean Air Act supplemental grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.