



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Town Hall  
405 Martin Luther King Jr.  
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

## Legislation Text

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### **Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Town Manager to Apply for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant.**

#### **Staff:**

Jim Orr, Director  
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Lisa Baaske, Administrative Coordinator

#### **Department:**

Parks and Recreation

**Overview:** Adopting the attached resolution would authorize the Manager to submit a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant application for \$250,000 to pay for a portion of the 33.64 acre American Legion property, which is located south of Legion Road and north of Ephesus Church Road. The Town has agreed to purchase the property for \$7,964,500. The Town has already paid \$5,793,000 and must make one additional \$2,171,500 payment by March 2019. PARTF rules allow grant funds to be used for land acquisitions that have already occurred in certain circumstances. In this case the Town can still apply for PARTF funds if staff submits an application by May 1, 2018. After that date it will no longer be possible to apply for PARTF funding for this purpose.



#### **Recommendation(s):**







That the Council adopt the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to apply for a \$250,000 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant and authorizing the Mayor to sign the application form.

#### **Key Issues:**

- The Town purchased the American Legion property in March 2017.
- The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match. The funds that the Town have already paid can be used as the Town's match.
- Applying for the PARTF grant would not commit the Council to a sale of any portion of the American Legion property. However, since the Council has previously discussed the option to sell a portion of the site to help pay for the overall purchase costs, we have identified an 8.75-acre tract (see map) for PARTF grant purposes. The proposed PARTF site is located in the southern portion of the larger American Legion property adjacent to Ephesus School and Ephesus Park.
- If the grant is successful, the Council can designate more acreage for recreational purposes; however, once the grant is awarded, the Town cannot reduce the size or shift the location of the designated PARTF property and still retain the grant funds.

**Fiscal Impact/Resources:** Because the required dollar-for-dollar match has already been paid there would be no additional cost to the Town.

**Council Goals:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Create a Place for Everyone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Develop Good Places, New Spaces
<input type="checkbox"/>		Support Community Prosperity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Nurture Our Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Facilitate Getting Around	<input type="checkbox"/>		Grow Town and Gown Collaboration



**Attachments:**

- Resolution
- Map showing proposed PARTF limits

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND GRANT (2018-04-11/R-3)**

WHEREAS, the Town has purchased the 33.64 acre American Legion property; and

WHEREAS, the Town still owes \$2,171,500 toward the purchase of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Town has until May 1, 2018 to apply for a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application; and

WHEREAS, an 8.75 acre portion of the property has been identified for purposes of submitting a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council authorizes the Manager to apply for a \$250,000 North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant to partially offset the cost of the purchase of the American Legion property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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**The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.**

By adopting the resolution, the Council authorizes the Town Manager to apply for a \$250,000 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the application form.