

#### TOWN OF RIVER BEND

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# RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

Work Session Meeting
June 13, 2024
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
7:00 p.m.

- 1. VOTE Agenda: Additions / Deletions / Adoption
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2024-2025 Budget
- 3. VOTE Budget Amendment Jackson
- 4. Discussion Advisory Board Appointments Jackson
- 5. Discussion Off-site Town Sponsored Functions Weaver
- 6. Discussion Brunch Law Resolution Benton
- 7. Discussion Financial & Budgetary Policy Update Jackson
- 8. Discussion Stormwater Grant Documents Jackson
- 9. REVIEW AGENDA Nobles

Pledge: Leonard

# **Proposed Annual Budget Ordinance**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the following anticipated fund revenues and departmental expenditures, together with certain fees and schedules, and with certain restrictions and authorizations, are hereby appropriated and approved for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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General Fund	2,414,000
General Capital Reserve Fund	89,007
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	515
Water Fund	654,000
Water Capital Reserve Fund	20,215
Sewer Fund	720,000
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	25,250
Total	3.922.987

#### **General Fund** Section 1.

# **Anticipated Revenues**

AD VALOREM Taxes 2024-2025	980,165
AD VALOREM Taxes-Motor Vehicle	104,400
Animal Licenses	1,500
Sales Tax 1% Article 39	199,292
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	117,968
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	99,574
Sales Tax Article 44	14,166
Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	112,233
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200
Powell Bill Allocation	101,000
Beer and Wine Tax	13,225
Video Programming Sales Tax	47,041
Utilities Franchise Tax	116,156
Telecommunications Sales Tax	6,779
Court Refunds	500
Zoning Permits	7,000
Miscellaneous	15,000
Interest-Powell Bill Investments	50
Interest-General Fund Investments	44,533
Contributions	900
Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144
Rents & Concessions	18,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	72,650
Appropriated Fund Balance	321,524
Total	2,414,000

# **Authorized Expenditures**

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Governing Body	69,500
Administration	331,200
Finance	156,500
Tax Listing	14,700
Legal Services	49,000
Elections	600
Police	840,800
Public Buildings	108,000
Emergency Services	5,800
Animal Control	18,000
Street Maintenance	235,000
Public Works	203,000
Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste	87,500
Stormwater Management	51,200
Wetlands and Waterways	2,900
Planning & Zoning	60,000
Recreation & Special Events	11,000
Parks & Community Appearance	59,500
Contingency	23,043
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	86,757
Transfer to L.E.S.A. Fund	0
Total	2,414,000

# Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund

# **Anticipated Revenues**

Contributions from General Fund	86,757
Interest Revenue	2,250
Total	89,007

# Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to General Fund	72,650
Future Procurement	16,357
Total	89,007

# Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Trust Fund

Anticipated Rever	nues:	
Contributi Interest R Total		0 5 <u>15</u> 515
Authorized Expen	ditures:	
-	Allowance OSA Payments	0 <u>515</u> 515
Section 4.	Water Fund	
Anticipated Rever	nues	
Utility Usa	ge Charges, Classes 1 & 2	202,039
Utility Usa	ge Charges, Classes 3 & 4	19,024
	ge Charges, Class 5	11,651
	ge Charges, Class 8	5,326
•	tomer Base Charges	280,228
-	vailability Fee	19,215
•	nnections Fees	1,250
Nonpaymo		10,500
Late Paym		7,774
Interest R Sale of Fix		4,260
		92,733
Appropria Total	ted Fund Balance	654,000
IOtai		034,000
Authorized Expen	ditures	
Administr	ation & Finance [1]	507,000
Operation	s and Maintenance	127,000
	o Fund Balance for Capital Out	
	o Water Capital Reserve Fund	20,000
Total		654,000
[1] Portion	n of department for bond debt s	rervice: 134,691
Section 5.	Water Capital Reserv	e Fund
Anticipated Rever	nues	
Contributi	ons from Water Operations Fi	and 20,000
Interest R	evenue	215

Total	20,215
Authorized Expenditures	
Future Expansion & Debt Service	20,215
Section 6. Sewer Fund	
Anticipated Revenues:	
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2 Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4 Utility Usage Charges, Class 5 Utility Usage Charges, Class 8 Utility Customer Base Charges Taps & Connection Fees Late Payment Fees Interest Revenue Sale of Fixed Asset Appropriated Fund Balance Total  Authorized Expenditures:	260,280 40,743 25,677 10,825 297,179 1,250 8,251 8,760 0 67,035 720,000
Administration & Finance [2] Operations and Maintenance Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Total	502,000 193,000 0 25,000 720,000
[2] Portion of department for bond debt service:	116,309
Section 7. Sewer Capital Reserve	
Anticipated Revenues:	
Contribution from Sewer Operations Fund Interest Revenue Total	25,000 250 25,250
Authorized Expenditures:	
Future Expansion & Debt Service	25,250

# Section 8. Levy of Taxes

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of twenty-four cents (\$0.24) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed "Ad Valorem Taxes 2024-2025" in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of property for purposes of taxation of \$410,950,000 and an estimated rate of collection of 99.38%. The estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2022-2023 collection rate of 99.38% by Craven County who has been contracted to collect property taxes for the Town of River Bend. Also included in this rate is a valuation of \$43,500,000 for purposes of taxation of motor vehicles with a collection rate of 100% by the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System.

# Section 9. Fees and Charges

There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 various fees and charges as contained in Attachment A of this document.

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Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees shall be 3.7% and shall begin the first payroll in the new fiscal year.

The Town Manager is hereby authorized to grant merit increases to Town employees, when earned, per the approved Pay Plan.

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# Section 13. Copies of this Budget Ordinance

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk, Town Council, Budget Officer, and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2024.	
John R. Kirkland, Mayor	
Attest:	>
Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk	

# Town of River Bend Schedule of Rates and Fees (Attachment A to Budget Ordinance)

Effective July 1, 2024

Amounts due are based upon the Fees and Charges Schedule in effect at the time of payment. It is the Town Council's intention that the Fees and Charges Schedule be revised as needed by July 1st of each year. Some fees and charges may be adjusted during the year as circumstances change.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

# **Administrative**

Ad Valorem Tax \$.24 per \$100 assessed valuation

**Copies of Public Information** As specified by State Statute

Town Code, entire copy \$75.00

**Notary Fee** \$10.00 per signature after the first

**Meeting Rooms** 

Four hours or less \$40.00 Over four hours \$80.00

**Returned Check Processing Charge** \$25, as allowed by G.S. §25-3-506

Administrative Fee for returned bank drafts \$25.00

**Public Safety** 

Pet License Fee \$10.00

Golf Cart Registration Fee \$10.00

#### **Nuisance Abatement Administrative Fee**

<u>Cost of Abatement</u> <u>Fee</u> \$1 – 1,000 \$50.00

\$1,001 – and up 5% of total abatement cost (maximum fee \$2,000)

# **Planning and Zoning**

**Special Exception Use Permit** \$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement

and postage to notify abutting land owners

Variance \$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement

and postage to notify abutting land owners

**Appeal to Board of Adjustment** \$200 plus cost of required legal advertisement

and postage to notify abutting land owners

**Residential Application** Based on amount of project as follows:

Base Fee \$30

\$2 for every \$1,000 of project value after first

\$1,000 and up to \$100,000; plus,

\$1 for every \$1,000 above \$100,000 (All values

rounded up to nearest \$1,000)

Zoning Administrator can use any appropriate means to verify project valuation.

# Residential Flood Plain Application with Zoning Permit

40% of the fee for the Town's residential zoning permit and shall be additional to the zoning permit fee for enclosed structures (fences, decks, and other similar exempt from additional fee).

#### **Commercial Application** Base

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# Residential Flood Plain Application without Zoning Permit

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rounded up to nearest \$1,000)

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**Engineering Review** Charged to applicant at the actual cost of

the service as billed by the contracted

engineer.

**Zoning Amendment Request (Map or Text)** \$200 plus cost of required legal

advertisement and postage to notify

abutting land owners

Sign Permit \$30

Tree Harvest Permit \$50

**Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances** \$25 per set

# **Wildwood Storage Rental Rates**

Unit Number	Unit Size		Monthly Rent
BB 01	5x20		\$35
BB 02	5x20		\$35
BB 03	5x20		\$35
BB 04	5x20		\$35
BB 05	10x20		\$75
BB 06	10x20		\$75
BB 07	10x20		\$75
BB 08	10x20		Town Occupied (TO)
BB 09	10x20		ТО
BB 10	10x20		ТО
BB 11	10x20		TO
BB 12	10x20		ТО
GB 15	10x16		\$65
GB 16	10x16		\$65
GB 17	10x16		\$65
GB 18	10x16		\$65
GB 19	10x16		\$65
GB 20	10x16		TO
GB 21	10x16		ТО
GB 22	10x16		ТО
OP	Open Spaces (	(40)	\$25
Late Payment Charge		\$10, as	ssessed after the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the month
Interest Charge			nonthly on outstanding balances
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# **ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Water and Sewer - Rates and Fees		
·	Water	Sewer
Class 1 and 2 - Residential <sup>(1)</sup>		
Customer Base Charge per month (2)	15.24	24.18
Usage per 1,000 gallons	-	9.30
Usage 0-4,000 gallons	4.22	-
Usage 4,001-20,000 gallons	4.50	-
Usage 20,001+ gallons	4.55	
Initial Connection (Tap) charge (3)	1,250.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	70.00	-
Class 3 and 4 - Commercial		
Customer Base Charge per month (2)	88.32	141.99
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Initial Connection (Tap) charge (3)	3,500.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	100.00	
Class 5 - Industrial		
Customer Base Charge per month (2)	276.24	444.93
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Initial Connection (Tap) charge (3)	5,000.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	200.00	-
Class 6 - Early Bird (No longer available)		
Class 7 - Fire Hydrant Charge		
Availability Charge per year	183.00	_
Tivanabinty Gharge per year	103.00	_
Class 8 - 1" Water Service		
Customer Base Charge per month (2)	30.90	49.43
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Initial Connection (Tap) charge (3)	1,500.00	1,250.00
Nonpayment Fee	100.00	-
Class 9 - Vacant /Out of Use Non-residential Property		
Customer Base Charge per month (2)	15.24	24.18
Usage per 1,000 gallons	4.22	9.30
Nonpayment Fee	70.00	-
Class 10 - Vacant Residences		
Customer Base Charge per month (2)	15,24	_
Nonpayment Fee	70.00	_
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# **Special Charges**

**Service Call - 2 hour minimum** \$35 per hour - signed by customer to initiate

work outside of scheduled work hours of 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on weekends

Meter Testing Charge \$25 - no charge if meter defective

**Returned Check Processing Charge** \$25, as allowed by G.S. §25-3-506

Late Payment Charge 10% of amount overdue per month or part of

month beginning 30 days after billing date

Irrigation Connection Inspection \$20

(1) Residential customer deposit may apply. Please refer to Water Resources Department Policy Manual.

(2) Base charges do not include any usage.

(3) The published Initial Connection (Tap) charges are based on the historic River Bend average cost that has been experienced in making connections. There will be cases when, because of the local depth of the service main pipe to which the connection is to be made, or other site specific differences from the norm, the published connection fee will not cover the actual cost of the tap. When the Water Resources Superintendent encounters such conditions, he shall notify the applicant requesting the tap that the cost may exceed the published fee. In those cases, a record of cost associated with the specific tap will be accounted for and if the total cost exceeds the published fee, then the applicant shall pay a fee equal to the actual cost. Initial connection charges are based upon the size of the meter and charged as shown in the appropriate Class above.

(4) The necessary equipment will be provided to the resident at cost. The resident is responsible for installing the irrigation meter on the resident's side of the regular water meter. After installation, the work will be inspected by a Water Resources Department employee.



# TOWN OF RIVER BEND BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 23-B-08 FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance as last amended on May 9, 2024, be amended as follows:

Summary
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General Fund	2,288,423
General Capital Reserve Fund	56,900
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	12,685
Water Fund	665,804
Water Capital Reserve Fund	10
Sewer Fund	679,504
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	1
Total	3,703,327

Section 1.	General Fund	0	23-B-08 PROPOSED
Anticipated Reve		005 865	CHANGES
	AD VALOREM Taxes 2023-2024	935,566	
	AD VALOREM Tax-Motor Vehicle	90,000	
	Animal Licenses	1,500	
	Sales Tax 1% Article 39	195,868	
	Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	114,635	
	Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	97,901	
	Sales Tax Article 44	13,090	
	Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	108,195	
	Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200	
	Powell Bill Allocation	100,486	
	Beer and Wine Tax	13,225	
	Video Programming Sales Tax	49,621	
	Utilities Franchise Tax	112,169	
	Telecommunications Sales Tax	6,725	
	Court Refunds	500	
	Zoning Permits	7,000	
	Federal Grant	23,364	
•	Miscellaneous	16,200	
	Interest- Powell Bill Investments	50	
	Interest-General Fund Investments (recognize income earned)	38,500	7,500
	Contributions	901	
	Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144	
	Rents & Concessions	18,000	
	Sale of Fixed Assets	4,600	
	Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	43,504	
	Transfer From PW Capital Projects Fund	57,720	
	Appropriated Fund Balance	218,759	
	Total	2,288,423	7,500

Section 1.	General Fund (continued)		23-B-08 PROPOSED
Authorized Expe	nditures	w.	CHANGES
	Governing Body	47,350	
	Administration	332,000	
	Finance (transfer from Streets per Section 10(C))	134,806	3,500
	Tax Listing	13,700	
	Legal Services	40,090	
	Elections	0	
	Police	792,699	
	Public Buildings	109,000	
	Emergency Services	2,870	
	Animal Control	16,225	
	Street Maintenance (transfer to Finance per Section 10(C))	<i>267,550</i>	(3,500)
	Public Works	186,050	
	Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste (complete remainder of FY)	87,606	6,000
	Stormwater Management (complete remainder of FY)	46,340	1,500
	Wetlands and Waterways	2,900	·
	Planning & Zoning	55,000	
	Recreation & Special Events	11,100	
	Parks & Community Appearance	55,130	
	Contingency	20,807	
	Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	55,000	
	Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	12,200	
	Total	2,288,423	7,500
Section 2.	General Capital Reserve Fund		
Anticipated Reve	enues		
	Contributions from General Fund	55,000	
	Interest Revenue	1,900	
	Total	56,900	
Authorized Expe	enditures		
	Transfer to General Fund	43,504	
	Future Procurement	13,396	
		56,900	
Section 3.	Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund		
Anticipated Reve	enues:		
	ntributions from General Fund	12,200	
	erest Revenue	485	
	Total	12,685	
Authorized Expe	nditures:		
	paration Allowance	0	
-	ure LEOSSA Payments	12,685	
	Total	12,685	

Section 4.  Anticipated Reve	Water Fund		23-B-08 PROPOSED CHANGES
,	Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	210,591	
	Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	12,428	
	Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	15,002	
	Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	4,644	
	Utility Customer Base Charges	278,811	
	Hydrant Availability Fee	19,764	
	Taps & Connections Fees (recognize income earned)	11,250	10,000
	Nonpayment Fees	10,500	•
	Late payment Fees	7,822	
	Interest Revenue	3,488	
	Sale of Capital Asset	0	
	Transfer From PW Capital Projects Fund	62,551	
	Appropriated Fund Balance	28,953	
	Total	665,804	10,000
Authorized Expe	nditurac		
Authorized Expe	Administration & Finance [1]	491,804	
	Operations and Maintenance (fees for taps & meters for stock)	150,500	10,000
	Transfer To Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	23,500	10,000
	Transfer To Water Capital Reserve Fund	23,300	
	Total	665,804	10,000
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	[1] Portion of department for bond debt service:	141,157	
Section 5.	Water Capital Reserve Fund		
Anticipated Reve	enues		
	Contributions From Water Operations Fund	0	
	Interest Revenue	10	
	Total	10	
Authorized Expe	nditures		
	Future Expansion & Debt Service	10	

Section 6.	Sewer Fund		23-B-08 PROPOSED
Anticipated Rev			CHANGES
	Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	267,170	
	Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	36,679	
	Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	28,142	
	Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	16,833	
	Utility Customer Base Charges	296,108	
	Taps & Connection Fees	1,250	
	Late payment Fees	8,384	
	Interest Revenue	5,836	
	Sale of Capital Asset	0	
	Transfer from PW Capital Projects Fund	62,551	
	Appropriated Fund Balance	(43,449)	
	Total	679,504	0
Authorized Expe	enditures:		
	Administration & Finance [2]	483,204	
	Operations and Maintenance	192,800	
	Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	3,500	
	Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	0	
	Total	679,504	0
	[2] Portion of department for bond debt service:	121,893	
Section 7.	Sewer Capital Reserve		
Anticipated Rev	enues:		
	Contributions From Sewer Operations Fund	0	
	Interest Revenue	1_	
	Total	1	
Authorized Expe	enditures:		
	Future Expansion & Debt Service	1	

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John R. Kirkland, Mayor	
Attest:	
Kristie J. Nobles. Town Clerk. CMC. NCCMC	

# CURRENT APPOINTED BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS & TERM EXPIRATION DATES

	Original Appointment	Reappointed Date	Term Expiration
PLANNING BOARD (PB) - meets 1st Thursday Every Month 6:00 2 year term			
Council Member Liaison: Buddy Sheffield (alt	Maurer)		
Egon Lippert (chair)	2/20/2014	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Robert Kohn (vice chair)	1/29/2017	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Keith Boulware	7/18/2001	7/1/2023	6/30/2025
Kathleen Fleming	8/12/2021	7/1/2023	6/30/2025
Kelly Forrest - ETJ*	12/15/1999	9/6/2022	9/4/2024
Jon Hall	9/14/2023		6/30/2025
Linda Cummings	8/12/2021	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Allison McCollum (sec - Non member)			
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD (P&R) - mee 2 year term		verv Month 6:15	X
Council Member Liaison: Jeff Weaver (alt Be			
Annie Craddock	10/12/2023	10/12/2023	6/30/2024
Elizabeth Stokes	9/14/2023		6/30/2025
Laurie LaMotte - (chair)	6/15/2023		6/30/2025
Vacant as of 3/25/24^^^			6/30/2025
Victoria Stuppy (sec)	1/18/2024	1/18/2024	6/30/2024
Amy Hendee	6/15/2023		6/30/2024
Vacant as of 2/27/24			6/30/2024
COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION (	CAC) - meets 3rd W	ednesday Odd Mo	nths 4:00
2 year term			
Council Member Liaison: Barbara Maurer (d		C /4 C /2022	C 120 1202 A
Brenda Hall (chair)	2/18/2021	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Meg Williams	8/16/2018	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Donna Perry  Christine Soler (vice chair)	6/15/2023 11/17/2022	11/17/2022	6/30/2025
Pat Lineback (sec)	4/20/2023	11/17/2022	6/30/2024
Vacant as of 3/21/24	4/20/2023	4/20/2023	6/30/2024
Maryann Taylor	1/18/2024	1/18/2024	6/30/2025 6/30/2025
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ENVIRONMENTAL/WATERWAYS ADVISORY 2 year term		neets 1st Monday	Every Month 7:00
Council Member Liaison: Brian Leonard (alt	E EL WELLE MANEEL		
Paige Ackiss (chair)	12/12/2019	7/1/2023	6/30/2025
Patty Leonard (sec)	12/12/2019	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
R. Karl Lichty	10/15/2015	7/1/2023	6/30/2025
James Stevens	8/15/2007	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Raymond Jaklitsch	1/18/2018	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Jon Hall	6/18/2020	7/1/2023	6/30/2025
Vacant as of 6/9/23			6/30/2024

# CURRENT APPOINTED BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS & TERM EXPIRATION DATES

	Original Appointment	Reappointed Date	Term Expiration
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT			
3-Year Term (G.S. '160A-388)			
Council Member Liaison: Buddy Sheffield			
Paige Ackiss (chair)	6/17/2021	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Patty Leonard (vice chair)	11/16/2017	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Chris Barta	6/18/2015	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Kelly Forrest (ETJ)*	12/15/1999	8/31/2022	8/31/2025
Cinda Hill	4/21/2016	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
Jon Hall	2/10/22 (alt)	6/16/2022	6/30/2024
ALT - Rick Fisher (ETJ)*	7/1/2016	7/1/2022	7/1/2025
ALT -David Zinni (Town)	7/21/2022	7/21/2022	6/30/2026
ALIDIT COMMITTEE			
AUDIT COMMITTEE	a bald verious positi	ana Alua 1 vasidan	
Effective 10/14/21 - comprised of people wh	io noia various positi		
Chairman: Brian Leonard		7/1/2021	6/30/2025
Finance Director - Mandy Gilbert		7/1/2021	6/30/2025
Town Manager - Delane Jackson		7/1/2021	6/30/2025
Town Resident - Janice Westgate	6/17/2021	7/1/2021	6/30/2025

# **Applications on File**

Name	AB Applied For	Date
Claudia Christie Ashmore	PR	11/3/2022
Joey Routh	РВ	6/5/2023
Carolyn Gadwell	PB	6/11/2023
Karen Montgomery	PR	10/2/2023
Terrence Lubsen	PR	10/2/2023
Amy Aneuber	PR	11/14/2023
Ted Kelly	PR	4/5/2023

#### TOWN OF RIVER BEND

# AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE SALE OF MALT BEVERAGES, UNFORTIFIED WINE, FORTIFIED WINE, AND MIXED BEVERAGES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

WHEREAS, The Town of River Bend ("Town") may, by ordinance, allow the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages on Sundays beginning at 10:00 a.m. in accordance and in full compliance with all licensed premises' permits issued under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-1001 pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-205.3; and

WHEREAS, Town wishes to allow the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages on Sundays pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-205.3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and mixed beverages shall be allowed beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday to be served in accordance and in full compliance with all licensed premises' permits issued under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18B-1001.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment, this the day
, 2024.
BY:
John R. Kirkland, Mayor
ATTESTED:
Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk
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# Town of River Bend, NC Financial and Budgetary Policies



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Effective July 1, 2024

# **Financial and Budgetary Policies**

#### I. Introduction

The Town of River Bend maintains comprehensive financial policies covering a broad range of the elements of the Town's financial plans and financial systems that underlay the management of overall financial resources. These policies have major objectives to be achieved that include:

- 1. To link long-term financial planning with short-term daily operations and decision-making.
- 2. To maintain and improve the Town's financial position.
- 3. To maintain and improve the Town's credit ratings by meeting or exceeding the requirements of rating agencies through sound financial policies.
- 4. To maintain and increase investor confidence in the Town and to provide credibility to the citizens of the Town regarding financial operations.
- 5. To comply with the North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act and the policies of the North Carolina Local Government Commission (the "LGC").
- 6. To effectively conduct asset-liability management of the Town's balance sheet.

#### II. Operating Budget

- 1. The Town's Annual Budget Ordinance will be balanced in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act (G.S. 159-8(a)).
- 2. The Town's Annual Budget Ordinance will be adopted, by fund and department, by each July 1 (G.S. 159-13(a)).
- 3. In order to force a higher level of planning throughout all levels of Town government, the annual budget process will focus on future needs through a Capital Improvements Plan, as discussed later in this document.
- 4. The annual budget process will consist of a series of public meetings where Council and staff discuss needs in relation to the Town's mission statement, and Council's adopted priorities.

#### III. Revenue Policy

1. Ad Valorem Tax – As provided by the North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act, estimated revenue from the Ad Valorem Tax levy will be budgeted as follows:

- a. Assessed valuation will be provided by the Craven County Tax Assessor.
- b. The estimated percentage of collection will not exceed the actual collection percentage of the preceding fiscal year, in accordance with State law.
- c. The property tax rate will be set each year based upon the costs of providing general governmental services, meeting debt service obligations and building or maintaining any reserves or fund balances the Council deems necessary.
- 2. State revenues fluctuate according to the general economic condition of the state and the county. Accordingly, the Town will budget these revenues in a conservative manner using guidance from the North Carolina League of Municipalities to determine predicted rates of growth in these revenues.
- 3. User Fees The Town Council (the "Council") will set user fees annually by listing such fees within a fee schedule adopted with the Annual Budget Ordinance. In the case of the water and sewer enterprises, the Council will continue to use a professionally designed rate model in order to determine the most appropriate rates based upon current and future expenses. User fees will maximize charges for services that can be individually identified and where costs are directly related to the provision of or to the level of service provided.
  - a. Emphasis of user fees results in the following benefits:
    - 1. The burden on the Ad Valorem tax is reduced.
    - 2. User fees are paid by all users, including those exempt from property taxes.
    - 3. User fees help minimize subsidization in any instance where there are requirements in order to qualify for the use of the service and the service is not provided to the general public.
    - 4. User fees produce information on the demand level for services and help to make a connection between the amount paid and the services received.
- 4. Interest Income Interest income is subject to variability based upon changes in prevailing interest rates, which cannot be predicted with certainty. Such revenue shall therefore be budgeted in a conservative manner within the Annual Budget Ordinance and shall comply with the Asset Liability Management section of this policy.
- 5. Grant Funding Staff will pursue opportunities for grant funding. Application for grant funding will be made after a grant has been evaluated for consistency with the Council's goals and compatibility with Town programs and objectives. Staff must have Council approval to apply for a grant for any amount over \$50,000 and for any grant that requires a local dollar match. All awarded grants can only be accepted by Council action at which time the related budget shall be established.
  - a. Grants that have been awarded in prior years and are recurring in nature will be included and addressed through the annual budget process.
  - b. Grants that fund operating expenditures but have a funding termination date must fully disclose that fact to the Council prior to acceptance.

- c. The grant manager for each grant shall be the Town Manager. The grant manager is responsible for all grant monitoring, compliance and reporting. The grant manager will provide copies of all documents to the Finance Director. The Finance Director will maintain a grant file by fiscal year for each active grant.
- d. For grants involving federal funds, the grant manager is responsible for checking the list of federally debarred contractors prior to awarding any contracts.
- 6. Appropriation of Fund Balance Assigned fund balance originally appropriated with adoption of the General Fund annual operating budget shall not exceed 3% of the prior fiscal year's budgeted expenditures, unless done per Section 2b of the Reserve/Fund Balance section of this policy. Any further commitment of fund balance in the General Fund during the fiscal year shall require four "yes" votes from the five members of Council.
- 7. Budgetary Responsibilities The Town Manager shall develop initial budget estimates of applicable revenues. Those estimates are to be supported by variables (base, rate, etc.) that comprise such revenue. Monitoring of the revenue budget shall be performed by the Finance Director in a timely manner throughout the fiscal year and shall include an analysis of actual versus budgeted variances. Compliance of revenue with all laws and/or regulations is primarily the responsibility of the revenue-initiating department.

#### **Revenue Spending Policy**

- 1. The Town will follow a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Department, as directed by the Finance Officer, will use resources in the following hierarchy as appropriate: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-Town funds, and Town funds.
- 2. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Town.

#### IV. Expenditure Policy

- 1. Expenditure budgets shall be monitored throughout the fiscal year by department heads, the Finance Director and the Town Manager. Budget compliance, which includes electronic obligations, is the responsibility of the department head and the Town Manager.
- 2. Budgeted funds will only be spent for categorical purposes for which they are intended. Budget amendments may be made to reflect unexpected expenses and must be approved by vote of the Council. Appropriations of debt proceeds will be made only for the purpose for which such debt instrument was issued or for the payment of debt principal and interest.
- 3. Budgeted expenditures for debt service for any variable rate debt or synthetic variable rate debt will be set to at least the average of the prior five years.

- 4. For continuing contracts, funds will be appropriated in the annual budget ordinance to meet current year obligations arising under the contract, in accordance with G.S. 160A-17.
- Payroll will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Overtime and benefit payments will be made in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy.
- 6. The Town may utilize non-capital operating leases or installment purchase loans for the procurement of copiers, multifunction copiers/printer type machines and for personal computers.
- 7. The Town will fund current expenditures with current resources and will strive to avoid balancing budgets utilizing one-time revenues.
- 8. The Town will employ the use of the carryover roll-over method for reappropriation of outstanding purchase orders and contracts as of the end of each fiscal year into the new fiscal year. The process shall be explained in each year's budget process.

# V. Reserve/Fund Balance Policy

- 1. In accordance with State statute, appropriated fund balance in any fund will not exceed the sum of cash and investments less the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget year.
- 2. The Town will strive to maintain a healthy General Fund unassigned fund balance, that significantly exceeds the minimum eight percent (8%) as recommended by the LGC. Unassigned fund balance is defined as the portion of fund balance that remains available for appropriation by the Town Council after all commitments for future expenditures, required reserves defined by State statutes, and Council-established assignments have been calculated. The percentage is to be determined by dividing the unassigned fund balance amount by actual expenditures of the then most recently completed fiscal year. The goal is to maintain a fund balance of no less than 50%, with the total amount of unassigned fund balance at \$2,000,000.
  - a. Purpose of Reserve: These funds will be utilized to avoid cash flow interruptions, generate interest income, eliminate the need for short-term borrowing, and maintain the Town's credit ratings.
  - b. Reserve Drawdown: The available fund balance may be purposefully drawn down below the target percentage for emergencies, economic influences, nonrecurring expenditures, or major capital projects.
  - c. Reserve Replenishment: If the available fund balance percentage falls below the target percentage for two consecutive fiscal years, the Town will replenish funds by direct appropriation in the next budget developed for the fiscal year after the occurrence is known. In that instance, the Town will annually appropriate 25% of

the difference between the target percentage level and the actual balance until the target level is met. In the event appropriating 25% is not feasible, the Town will appropriate a lesser amount and shall reaffirm by Council resolution its commitment to fully replenish the fund balance over a longer period of time Council shall adopt a plan of specific actions to be taken to restore available fund balance to the level set forth in this policy in the following fiscal year, if feasible, but within three fiscal years at most.

- d. Any General Fund unassigned fund balance that exceeds the target goal range may be used to reduce general fund debt.
- 3. The Town will appropriate within the annual budget a Contingency appropriation each fiscal year. The minimum level of contingency is 1% of budgeted general fund expenditures and the maximum level shall not exceed 5%. is an amount equal to the revenue generated by a \$.01 ad valorem tax rate.
- 4. The Town's goal will be to maintain a minimum cash balance in both the water and sewer operating funds (separately) of 50% of actual expenditures of the most recently completed fiscal year. These funds will be utilized to avoid cash flow interruptions, generate interest income, fund capital expenditures, eliminate the need for short-term borrowing and maintain the Town's credit ratings.

# VI. Asset-Liability Management

- 1. The Town will seek to incorporate coordinated investment and debt structuring decisions with the goal of such coordination being to use each side of the balance sheet to mitigate, or hedge, cash flow risks posed by the other side of the balance sheet.
- 2. The Town considers short-term investments to be effective hedges to variable rate debt because movements in interest rates should have offsetting impacts upon both.
  - a. Given the prevalent patterns of business, economic and interest rate cycles, the Town may strive to match temporary increases in interest income to temporary increases in interest expense through the use of variable rate debt or synthetic variable rate debt.
  - b. This recognizes that variable rate debt generally offers lower interest costs and that the use of higher interest income to offset higher interest expense is preferable to creating a budget imbalance due to reliance upon temporarily increased interest income.
- 3. The Finance Officer is designated to monitor and report on financial market conditions and their impact on performance of debt, investments, and any interest rate hedging products implemented or under consideration.

- 4. The Finance Officer is designated as the individual responsible for negotiating financial products and coordinating investment decisions for debt structure. The Finance Officer is designated as the individual responsible for recommending debt structure to the Council.
- 5. The Town may incorporate the use of variable rate debt or synthetic variable rate debt, as allowed by the Debt Management Section of the LGC, into its debt structure. Unhedged variable or synthetic variable rate debt shall not exceed 20% of the Town's total, non-Utility debt outstanding.

# VII. Capital Improvements Policy

#### 1. Capital Improvements Plan

- a. The Town will update and readopt annually at least a five-year capital improvements plan (CIP) which projects capital needs and details the estimated costs, description and anticipated funding sources for capital projects. A separate CIP will be developed for the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund.
- b. The annual update of the CIP will be conducted in conjunction with the annual operating budget process.
- c. The first year of the five-year CIP will be the basis of formal fiscal year appropriations during the annual budget process.
- d. A programming or cost estimation study is eligible for inclusion in the CIP for a project for which a future request is being considered. Such a study is encouraged in order to generate reliable cost estimates for the CIP.
- e. The Town expects to see new capital items generally first appear in the last year five of the CIP.
- f. The Town acknowledges pay-as-you-go financing as a significant capital financing source, but will ultimately determine the most appropriate financing structure for each capital project both on an individual basis after examining all relevant factors of the project and in conjunction with the funding of the entire CIP.

#### 2. Capital Formation

- a. General Fund revenue is the source for the General Fund CIP. When assessed, the water CIF fee is a source of revenue for the water Capital Reserve Fund. When assessed, the sewer CIF fee is a revenue source for the sewer Capital Reserve Fund. The water and sewer enterprise fund annual budget will also provide CIP revenue in these areas as the use of CIF fee revenue is limited, per Council resolution. to debt reduction or system expansion activities.
- b. The General Fund Capital Reserve Fund is the funding source for pay-as-you-go financing and for debt service payments for debt financed projects in the General Fund CIP.

c. Given the historical volatility of the state and other revenues, the five year projections of revenue used to complete the CIP shall be very conservative.

#### 3. Fixed Assets

a. The capitalization threshold for fixed assets shall be \$5,000. The threshold will be applied to individual fixed assets and not to groups of fixed assets. Fixed assets will only be capitalized if they have a useful life of at least three years following the date of acquisition. A physical inventory of capitalized fixed assets will be performed, either simultaneously or on a rotating basis, so that all fixed assets are physically accounted for at least once every four years.

# VIII. Debt Policy

- 1. Debt will only be incurred for financing capital assets that, because of their long-term nature or because of budgetary restraints, cannot be acquired from current or budgeted resources. **Debt will not be used for operational needs**. Debt financing can include general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, certificates of participation, lease/purchase agreements, special obligation bonds, or any other financing instrument allowed under North Carolina law.
- 2. The Town will seek to structure debt and to determine the best type of financing for each financing need based on the flexibility needed to meet project needs, the timing of the project, taxpayer or rate payer equity, and the structure that will provide the lowest interest cost in the circumstances.
- 3. Debt financing will be considered in conjunction with the approval by the Council of the Town's CIP.
- 4. Capital projects financed through the issuance of bonds, installment financings or lease financings will be financed for a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the project.
  - a. General fund debt will normally have a term of 20 years or less. When practical, the term of non-Utility debt will not exceed 30 years.
  - b. Enterprise fund (water and sewer) debt will normally have a term of 30 years or less. When practical, the term of Utility debt will not exceed 40 years.
- 5. The Town will strive to maintain a high level of pay-as-you-go financing for its capital improvements.
- 6. Debt Affordability
  - a. The net debt of the Town, as defined in G.S. 159-55, is statutorily limited to 8% of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the Town. The Town will strive to maintain a net debt level of no greater than 4%.
  - b. Total General Fund debt service will not exceed any limits imposed by the LGC. As a guide, formulas established by the LGC and rating agencies will be monitored and

- appropriately applied by the Town. Debt service as a percentage of the operating budget will be targeted at less than 15%.
- c. The Town will strive to achieve amortization of 60% or more of its non-Utility debt principal within ten years.
- 7. The Town will seek to structure debt in the best and most appropriate manner to be consistent with the Asset Liability Management section of this policy.
- 8. If the Town issues Revenue Bonds, and whereas the minimum coverage ratio expected for Town revenue bonds is 1.20 times, upon the calculation of a coverage ratio for any Utilities System Revenue Bonds which is below 1.5 times (Net Revenues as defined by the General Indenture, but excluding cash receipts from special assessments, over Debt Service as defined by the General Indenture), the Finance Officer will notify the Council of such. Within three months of such notification, the Finance Officer will again report to the Council and will have performed the necessary internal study to advise the Council on the actions necessary to restore the coverage ratio to above 1.5 times. This policy is intended to ensure that all reasonable steps necessary are taken to begin the process of reviewing water revenues and rates well before the coverage ratio for outstanding revenue bonds could reach the minimum level of 1.20 times.
- 9. The Town will seek to employ the best and most appropriate strategy to respond to a declining interest rate environment. That strategy may include, but does not have to be limited to, delaying the planned issuance of fixed rate debt, examining the potential for refunding of outstanding fixed rate debt, and the issuance of variable rate debt. The Town will seek to employ the best and most appropriate strategy to respond to an increasing interest rate environment. That strategy may include, but does not have to be limited to, the issuance of variable rate debt (a historically lower interest cost), and the use of forward delivery fixed rate debt.
- 10. The Town will monitor the municipal bond market for opportunities to obtain interest rate savings by refunding by forward delivery, currently refunding or advance refunding outstanding debt. The estimation of net present value savings for a traditional fixed rate refunding should be, at a minimum, 3% of the refunded maturities before a refunding process begins. The estimation of net present value savings for a synthetic fixed rate refunding should be, at a minimum, in the range of 5% to 6% of the refunded maturities before a refunding process begins.
- 11. The Town will strive for the highest possible bond ratings in order to minimize the Town's interest costs.
- 12. The Town will normally obtain two debt ratings (Fitch Ratings, Moody's, or Standard & Poor's) for all publicly sold debt issues.
- 13. While some form of outstanding debt exists, the Town will strive to have a portion of that debt in the form of general obligation debt, when fiscally advantageous.
- 14. For all years that the Town has any publicly sold debt outstanding, the Town will provide annual information updates to each of the debt rating agencies if desired by those agencies.

- 15. The Town will use the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) as the disclosure document for meeting its obligation under SEC Rule 15c2-12 to provide certain annual financial information to the secondary debt market via various information repositories.
- 16. The Town recognizes the significance of the debt portfolio and the need for the ability to properly manage and maintain that portfolio. The Finance Director will maintain a current database of all debt.

# IX. Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting

- 1. The Town will maintain accounting systems in compliance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Town will maintain accounting systems that enable the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP).
  - a. The basis of accounting within governmental funds will be modified accrual.
  - b. The basis for accounting within all Enterprise and Internal Service Funds will be modified accrual.
- 2. Financial systems will be maintained to enable the continuous monitoring of revenues and expenditures or expenses with complete sets of monthly reports provided to the Council, and the Town Manager. Monthly expenditure/expense reports will be provided to each department head for their functional area and online, real time, view only, access to the financial system will be made available to department heads and other staff as much as practical and its use encouraged.
- 3. The Town will place emphasis on maintenance of an accounting system which provides strong internal budgetary and financial controls designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding both the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and reports, as well as the accountability of assets.
- 4. An annual audit will be performed by an independent certified accounting firm which will issue an opinion on the annual financial statements as required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.
- 5. The Town will solicit proposals from qualified independent certified public accounting firms for audit services. The principal factor in the audit procurement process will be the auditor's ability to perform a quality audit. The Town may enter into a multiyear agreement with the selected firm for a period of up to three fiscal years. Firms are not barred from consecutive contract awards. The Council, upon recommendation from the Finance Officer and Audit Committee, shall approve the contractual relationship with the auditor
- 6. The Town will maintain a standing audit committee. The committee will oversee assist with the independent audit of the Town's financial statements, from the recommendation of the auditor to the resolution of any audit findings.

- 7. The Finance Officer will conduct some form of internal audit procedures at least one time per year, specifically focusing upon cash receipts procedures.
- 8. The Town will may prepare an ACFR in compliance with established criteria to obtain the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, and will be submitted to that award program each year.
- 9. Full and complete disclosure will be provided in all regulatory reports, financial statements and debt offering statements.
- 10. The Town shall use the ACFR as the disclosure document for meeting its obligation to provide certain annual financial information to the secondary debt market via various information repositories. The annual disclosure is a condition of certain debt covenants and contracts that are required by SEC Rule 15c2-12.
- 11. The Finance Director will develop and maintain a Financial Procedures Manual as a central reference point and handbook for all financial, accounting and recording procedures.
- 12. The Town Manager will establish, document and maintain a Computer Disaster Recovery Plan and will provide for the daily backup of data and the offsite storage of the same.

# X. Cash Management Policy

#### 1. Receipts

- a. All aspects of cash receipts shall be subject to proper internal controls with standard controls documented and followed by revenue generating departments.
- b. The Town Manager shall prescribe internal control procedures for departments which address adequate segregation of duties, physical security, daily processing and reconciliation, use of automated resources, and treatment of overpayments.
- c. Cash receipts will be collected as expediently as reasonably possible to provide secure handling of incoming cash and to move these moneys into interest bearing accounts and investments.
- d. All incoming funds will be deposited as required by State law.
- e. The Finance Officer is responsible for conducting at least two unannounced random or risk based internal audits of cash receipting locations per fiscal year.
- f. Upon any suspicion of fraud, the department head shall timely notify the Town Manager for further investigation.
- g. Upon any suspicion of non-compliance with internal control directives, the department head shall timely notify the Town Manager for further investigation.

h. The Town reserves the right to refuse acceptance of more than \$5.00 in coins, damaged currency, suspicious currency or any check for the transaction of business. (added 7-13-2017)

#### 2. Cash Disbursements

- a. The Town's objective is to retain monies for investment for the longest appropriate period of time.
- b. Disbursements will be made timely in advance of or on the agreed-upon contractual date of payment unless earlier payment provides greater economic benefit to the Town.
- c. Inventories and supplies will be maintained at minimally appropriate levels for operations in order to increase cash availability for investments purposes.
- d. Dual signatures are required for Town checks. Electronic signature of checks, drafts and purchase orders, while technically possible, is not deemed appropriate at this time. The Council may provide by appropriate resolution or ordinance for the use of a signature stamp or similar device in signing checks and drafts and in signing the preaudit certificate on contracts or purchase orders. The Council shall charge the Finance Officer with the custody of the stamp or device, and the Finance Officer and sureties on his official bond are liable for any illegal, improper, or unauthorized use.
- e. Electronic payments shall be utilized to the fullest extent possible where it is determined to be cost effective by the Finance Director. Such payments shall be integrated with financial systems and shall follow the proper data and internal controls in accordance with the NC Administrative Code 20 NCAC 03.0410.

#### XI. Investment Policy

- 1. Policy It is the policy of the Town to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow requirements of the Town and conforming to all State statutes governing the investment of idle funds.
- 2. Scope This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the Town except authorized petty cash, and debt proceeds, which are accounted for and invested separately from pooled cash. The Town pools the cash resources of its various funds and participating component units into a single pool, as deemed appropriate, in order to maximize investment opportunities and returns. Each fund's and participating component unit's portion of total cash and investments is tracked by the financial accounting system.

#### 3. Prudence

a. The standard of prudence to be used by authorized staff shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall

- portfolio. Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.
- b. Authorized staff, acting in accordance with procedures and this investment policy and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion to the Council and the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of this policy.
- 4. Authorized Staff G.S. 159-25(a) 6 delegates management responsibility for the investment program to the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer will establish and maintain procedures for the operation of the investment program that are consistent with this policy. Such procedures will include delegation of authority to persons responsible for investment transactions. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Finance Officer.
  - The Finance Officer will be responsible for all transactions undertaken and will establish and maintain a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinates. In the absence of the Finance Officer and those to which he or she has delegated investment authority, the Town Manager or his or her designee is authorized to execute investment activities.
- 5. Objectives The Town's objectives in managing the investment portfolio, in order of priority, are safety, liquidity, and yield.
  - Safety Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To best mitigate against credit risk (the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer) diversification is required. To best mitigate against interest rate risk (the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the market value of a security and that the security will have to be liquidated and the loss realized) the second objective, adequate liquidity, must be met.
  - Liquidity The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating and debt service cash requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. The portfolio will be structured so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs (static liquidity), with securities with an active secondary market (dynamic liquidity), and with deposits and investments in highly liquid money market and mutual fund accounts.
  - Yield The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary, economic and interest rate cycles, taking into account investment risk constraints and liquidity needs.
- 6. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution

and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the Town Manager any interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business material to them. They shall further disclose any personal financial or investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individuals with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Town.

#### 7. Authorized Financial Dealers and Financial Institutions

- a. The Finance Officer will maintain a list of financial institutions that are authorized to provide investment services. Authorized financial institutions will be selected by credit worthiness and must maintain an office in the State of North Carolina. These may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under SEC Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule).
- b. Any financial institutions and broker dealers that desire to become qualified to conduct investment transactions with the Town must supply the Finance Officer with the following:
  - Audited financial statements;
  - Proof of National Association of Securities Dealers certification;
  - Proof of State registration; and
  - ° Certification of having read the Town's investment policy.
- c. Any previously qualified financial institution that fails to comply or is unable to comply with the above items upon request will be removed from the list of qualified financial institutions.
- d. The Finance Officer shall have discretion in determining the number of authorized financial institutions and may limit that number based upon the practicality of efficiently conducting the investment program. The Finance Officer shall also have the discretion to add or remove authorized financial institutions based upon potential or past performance.
- 8. Internal Control The Town Manager is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the entity are protected from loss, theft, or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived and that the valuation of costs and benefits requires the use of estimates and judgments by management.
- 9. Collateralization Collateralization is required for certificates of deposit. North Carolina General Statutes allow the State Treasurer and the Local Government Commission to prescribe rules to regulate the collateralization of public deposits in North Carolina banks. These rules are codified in the North Carolina Administrative Code Title 20, Chapter 7 (20 NCAC 7). The Pooling Method of collateralization under 20 NCAC 7 allows depositories to use an escrow account established with the State Treasurer to secure the deposits of all

units of local government. This method transfers the responsibility for monitoring each bank's collateralization and financial condition from the Town to the State Treasurer. The Town will only maintain deposits with institutions using the Pooling Method of collateralization.

- 10. Delivery and Custody All investment security transactions entered into by the Town shall be conducted on a delivery versus payment basis. Securities will be held by a third party custodian designated by the Finance Officer and each transaction will be evidenced by safekeeping receipts and tickets.
- 11. Authorized Investments The Town is empowered by North Carolina G.S. 159-30(c) to invest in certain types of investments. The Town Council approves the use of the following investment types, the list of which is more restrictive than G.S. 159-30(c):
  - a. Obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States.
  - b. Obligations of the Federal Financing Bank, the Federal Farm Credit Bank, the Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Administration, and the United States Postal Service.
  - c. Obligations of the State of North Carolina.
  - d. Bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority that are rated "AA" or better by at least two of the nationally recognized ratings services or that carries any "AAA insured" rating.
  - e. Fully collateralized deposits at interest or certificates of deposit with any bank, savings and loan association or trust company that utilizes the Pooling Method of collateralization (section VIII.I).
  - f. Prime quality commercial paper bearing the highest rating of at least one nationally recognized rating service, which rates the particular obligation.
  - g. Banker's acceptance of a commercial bank or its holding company provided that the bank or its holding company is either (i) incorporated in the State of North Carolina or (ii) has outstanding publicly held obligations bearing the highest rating of at least one nationally recognized rating service and not bearing a rating below the highest by any nationally recognized rating service which rates the particular obligations.
  - h. Participating shares in a mutual fund for local government investment, provided that the investments of the fund are limited to those qualifying for investment under G.S. 150-30(c) and that said fund is certified by the LGC. (The only such certified fund is the North Carolina Capital Management Trust.)

- Evidences of ownership of, or fractional undivided interest in, future interest and principal payments on either direct obligations of the United States government or obligations the principal of and the interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, which obligations are held by a bank or trust company organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state in the capacity of custodian (STRIPS).
- j. Guaranteed investment contracts utilizing repurchase agreements but only for the investment of debt proceeds which are to be collateralized at 105% and marked to market on a daily basis.

#### 12. Prohibited Forms of Authorized Investments

- a. The use of repurchase agreements in the normal investment portfolio (not debt proceeds) is prohibited.
- b. The use of collateralized mortgage obligations is prohibited.
- c. The use of any type of securities lending practices is prohibited.
- 13. Diversification Investments will be diversified by security type and by institution.
  - a. With the exception of United States treasury securities and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust, no more than 30% of the Town's total investment portfolio will be invested in a single security type or with a single financial institution.
  - b. The total investment in certificates of deposit shall not exceed 25% of the Town's total investment portfolio and the investment in certificates of deposit with a single financial institution shall not exceed FDIC insurance limitations.
  - c. The Finance Officer is responsible for monitoring compliance with the above restrictions. If a violation occurs, the Finance Officer shall report such to the Town Manager and to the Council along with a plan to address the violation.
- 14. Maximum Maturities To the extent possible, the Town will attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Beyond identified cash flow needs, investments will be purchased so that maturities are staggered. The following maturity limits are set for the Town's investment portfolio:
  - a. At least 60% of the investment portfolio will have maturities of no more than 3 years from the date of purchase.
  - b. At least 80% of the investment portfolio will have maturities of no more than 5 years from the date of purchase.
  - c. At least 95% of the investment portfolio will have maturities of no more than 10 years from the date of purchase.

- d. No investments maturing more than 15 years from the date of purchase may be purchased.
- e. For purposes of this section, for any variable rate demand obligation, the purchase date is considered to be the last reset and remarketing date and the maturity date is considered to be the next reset and remarketing date.
- f. If any change is made to the Town's policy for unassigned fund balance in the General Fund then other sections of this policy must be concurrently revised.
- 15. Selection of Securities The Finance Officer or his or her designee will determine which investments shall be purchased and sold and the desired maturity date(s) that are in the best interest of the Town. The selection of an investment will involve the evaluation of, but not limited to, the following factors: cash flow projections and requirements; current market conditions; and overall portfolio balance and makeup.

#### 16. Responses to Changes in Short Term Interest Rates

- a. The Town will seek to employ the best and most appropriate strategy to respond to a declining short-term interest rate environment. The strategy may include, but does not have to be limited to, purchases of callable "cushion" bonds, lengthening of maturities in the portfolio, and increases in the percentage of ownership of treasury notes relative to that of treasury bills.
- b. The Town will seek to employ the best and most appropriate strategy to respond to an increasing short-term interest rate environment. That strategy may include, but does not have to be limited to, purchases of "step-up" securities, shortening of maturities in the portfolio, the use of floating rate investments, and increases in the percentage of ownership of treasury bills relative to that of treasury notes.
- 17. Performance Standards The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the parameters specified within this policy. The investment portfolio will strive to obtain a market average rate of return within the constraints of the Town's investment risk profile and cash flow needs. The performance benchmarks for the performance of the portfolio will be rates of return on 90-day commercial paper and on three-year treasury notes.
- 18. Active Trading of Securities -It is the Town's intent, at the time of purchase, to hold all investments until maturity to ensure the return of all invested principal. However, if economic or market conditions change making it in the Town's best interest to sell or to trade a security before maturity, that action may be taken.
- 19. Pooled Cash and Allocation of Interest Income All moneys earned and collected from investments other than bond proceeds will be allocated monthly to the various participating funds and component units based upon the average cash balance of each fund and component unit as a percentage of the total pooled portfolio. Earnings on bond proceeds will be directly credited to the same proceeds.

- 20. Marking to Market A report of the market value of the portfolio will be generated at least semi-annually by the Finance Director. The Finance Officer will use the reports to review the investment portfolio in terms of value and price volatility, as well as for compliance with GASB Statement #31.
- 21. Software The Town recognizes the significance of the size of its investment portfolio and of the requirements contained in this policy. The Town will utilize investment software which enables efficient transaction processing and recording, sufficient portfolio monitoring and the ability to maintain reporting compliance with this policy.
- 22. Reporting When investments are held, the Finance Director will prepare a quarterly investment report that will be submitted with the Board's monthly report package.
  - a. The quarterly investment report will include a listing of all investments and will show the investment number, the investment description, the purchase, call and maturity dates, the yields to call and to maturity, the weighted average yields to call and to maturity by investment type and in total, the coupon rate, the par value and the ending amortized value. The report will also include earnings information for the last twelve months with that information compared to the established benchmarks.
  - b. The quarterly investment report will include reporting on the status of diversification compliance.

#### 23. Policy Considerations

a. A maturity or diversification violation created by fluctuations in the size of the portfolio does not require corrective action. The violation may be cured through an increase in the portfolio size or the maturity of an investment.

#### XII. Review and Revision

The Town will formally review this set of financial and budgetary policies at least once every three five years.

#### Glossary

#### ACFR: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

This report moves one-step beyond the typical "audit report" and includes all the information from an audit, plus additional statistical and general information about the unit.

#### CIF: Capital Improvement Fund

When assessed, a fee is paid for all new connections to the water and sewer systems that goes directly into separate capital improvement funds. These funds may be limited by resolution of the Town Council. are only for projects related to system expansion or the retirement of debt. The water CIF is also funded by the annual hydrant fee paid by owners of developed lots that are not connected to the water system.

#### **CIP:** Capital Improvement Plan

The purpose of the capital improvement plan (CIP) is to forecast and match projected revenues and major capital needs over at least a five-year period. Generally defined, CIP capital expenditures are any expenditure of major value that recurs irregularly, results in the acquisition (or significant modification) of a fixed asset, and has a useful life greater than of at least three (3) years.

#### **GAAP:** Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

This is a standard related to how financial statements are prepared and included conventions and rules that accountants use in the preparation and interpretation of these statements.

#### **FDIC:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is an independent agency created by the Congress to maintain stability and public confidence in the nation's financial system by: insuring deposits, examining and supervising financial institutions for safety and soundness and consumer protection, and managing receiverships.

**Fund Balance:** Fund Balance is, simply explained, the amount of assets in excess of liabilities in a given fund.

Adopted: July 16, 2009 Updated: July 1, 2013 Updated: May 19, 2016

Amended: July 13, 2017 (Section X)

Amended: May 17, 2018 {Various changes to comply with electronic pre-audit changes in purchasing policy: Section V(2), X(2)(e) and IV(1) and to change language from unrestricted to unassigned,

reference fund balance}

Amended: May 20, 2021 Section VII 2 (a), Section V 2 and 3 and changes to add AFCR.

Amended June 20, 2024 with effective date of July 1, 2024

#### **Town of River Bend Resolution**

Whereas, North Carolina Emergency Management has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in funding the cost of disaster relief and mitigation projects, and

Whereas, North Carolina Emergency Management has offered an Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Grant (DRMG) in the amount of \$225,000 for the development of a Stormwater Asset Inventory and Analysis Assessment, and

Whereas, the Town of River Bend intends to complete said project in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provide by the grantor,

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND:

That the <u>Town of River Bend</u> does hereby accept the grant offer of \$225,000.

That the <u>Town of River Bend</u> does accept the Memorandum of Agreement from the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management and authorizes the Mayor to execute the MOA.

That <u>Delane Jackson</u>, <u>Town Manager</u>, and successors so titled, is hereby appointed as the authorized representative and Project Director and is hereby directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such grant or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the project.

Adopted this the 20th day of June, 2024 at River Bend, North Carolina.

	John R. Kirkland, Mayor
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Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr., Secretary William C. Ray, Director

## Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Grant (DRMG) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

between

Grantor:

State of North Carolina Department of Public Safety Emergency Management

MOA# NCEM-DRMG2303

Recipient:

Town of River Bend 45 Shoreline Dr. River Bend, NC 28562

Award amount: \$225,000.00

Period of performance: 7/01/2024 to 9/30/2025

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to establish roles, responsibilities, and procedures to implement the terms and conditions for the above Grant. This MOA is to set forth terms by which Grantor, State of North Carolina through NC Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) / North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM), shall provide funding to the Recipient to facilitate flood mitigation efforts and more specifically to accomplish the Scope of Work as outlined within the Grant Application (See Appendix 2)

#### 2. Authority

This grant award and MOA are authorized under the provisions of: (1) 2023 Appropriation Act, S.L. 2023-134, § 5.6(f)(1), (2) NC Appropriations Act of 2021, S.L. 2021-180, Section 5.9(a)(3), and Section 5.9(a)(4), (3) N.C.G.S. §166A-19.12(13), and (4) FY 2023 Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund (NOFO):

The funds awarded under this grant must be used in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and tribal laws and regulations, including N.C.G.S. §§ 143C-6-21, 143C-6-22, 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M. By accepting this award, the Recipient agrees to use these funds in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

#### 3. Compensation

Payment to Recipient for expenditures under this MOA will be <u>reimbursed</u> after Recipient's (Requests for Reimbursement) is submitted and approved for eligible scope of work activity. Grant funds will be disbursed upon receipt of evidence that funds have been invoiced, products or services received (i.e., invoices, contracts, itemized expenses, etc.), and proof of payment is provided (as outlined in Appendix 4).

Recipient must meet all reimbursement requirements contained herein. Non-compliance may result in denial of reimbursement request(s) or suspension/revocation of grant funds awarded for this project. See also paragraph 7 below regarding compliance.



#### 4. Conditions

These funds are provided by Grantor (NCEM on behalf of State of North Carolina) The following conditions must be adhered to during the entire duration of the grant program:

#### A. Recipient must:

- i. Have a DUNS number prior to any funds being released. DUNS numbers may be obtained from either of the following websites: <a href="www.dnb.com">www.dnb.com</a> or <a href="http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform">http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform</a>. After April 4, 2022, Recipient will be required to obtain a <a href="Unique Entity Identifier">Unique Entity Identifier</a> created in the System for Award Management (<a href="SAM">SAM</a>), if they do not already have one. Current <a href="SAM">SAM</a> registrants have already been assigned their <a href="Unique Entity Identifier">Unique Entity Identifier</a> and can view it within <a href="SAM">SAM</a>. The Unique Entity ID is currently located below the DUNS Number on the entity registration record in <a href="SAM">SAM</a>.
- ii. Ensure their organization is registered with <u>SAM</u>. Every applicant is required to have their name, address, DUNS number and EIN up to date in SAM, and the DUNS number used in SAM must be the same one used to apply for all awards from Grantor. SAM information can be found at <a href="http://www.sam.gov">http://www.sam.gov</a>. After April 4, 2022, the <u>Unique Entity Identifier</u> in SAM becomes the official identifier for doing business with the U.S. Government.
- B. Recipient must submit the following documents to Grantor at <a href="https://NCEMLTR.grant@NCDPS.gov">NCEMLTR.grant@NCDPS.gov</a> upon execution and submission of this MOA:
  - i. State of NC Substitute W-9 Form
  - ii. <u>Supplier Electronic Payment Request</u> Please email the completed form directly to OSC for processing: ncfsepay@osc.nc.gov with copy to NCEMLTR.grant@ncps.gov
  - iii. Conflict of Interest Policy (G.S. 143C-6-23.(b))
  - iv. Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))

#### C. File Retention

Recipient is required to maintain records and (invoices) of this grant for five years after termination of the grant, or audit if required, or longer where required by law. Recipient must maintain a separate file for each grant award. However, if any litigation, claim or audit has been initiated prior to the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved. The following files must be available for review by NCEM staff for site visits, project closeout and audits:

- i. Resolution or other official documentation relating to the acceptance or adoption of the grant award.
- ii. MOA, and supporting appendices.
- iii. Completed appropriate reports with specifications, solicitations, competitive quotes or proposals, basis for selection decisions, purchase orders, contracts, invoices and proof(s) of payment.
- iv. Audit findings and corrective action plans.
- v. Request for Reimbursements and documentation
- vi. Closeout Request and documentation
- vii. Pre and Post photo documentation for all permanent work projects

#### 5. Regulation

Recipient certifies that it understands and agrees that funds will only be expended for the project as outlined in the grant application and incorporated by reference herein. The Recipient and Grantor certify that each understands and agrees to comply with the general and fiscal terms and conditions of the grant including special conditions; to comply with provisions of the applicable laws, rules and policies governing these funds; that all information is correct; that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies; that the Grantor is duly authorized to commit the Recipient to these requirements; that costs incurred prior to grant application approval will result in the expenses being absorbed by the Recipient; and that all agencies involved with this project understand that all funds are limited to the period of performance.

#### 6. Supplanting

Grant funds must be used to supplement existing federal, state and local funds for program activities and must not replace (supplant) those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Jurisdictions must provide assurances and certifications as to non-supplanting and the existence of proper administrative/ financial procedures as requested.

#### 7. Compliance

Recipient shall comply with applicable federal, state, local and/or tribal statutes, regulations, ordinances, licensing requirements, policies, guidelines, reporting requirements, certifications and other regulatory matters for the conduct of its business and purchase requirements performed under this MOA. Recipient shall be wholly responsible for the purchases made under this MOA and for the supervision of its employees and assistants.

Failure to comply with the specified terms and conditions of this MOA may result in the return of funds and any other remedy for noncompliance and/or termination of the award per 09 NCAC 03M.0801. Additional conditions may also be placed on the Recipient for noncompliance with the specified terms and conditions of this MOA, including, but not limited to, additional monitoring and possible placement of Recipient on the Suspension of Funding List (SOFL) maintained by the State Office of State Budget & Management (OSBM) <a href="https://www.osbm.nc.gov/stewardship-services/grants-management-system/suspension-funding-memos">https://www.osbm.nc.gov/stewardship-services/grants-management-system/suspension-funding-memos</a>.

#### 8. Responsibilities

#### Grantor:

- A. Grantor shall provide the funding described herein to Recipient to perform the activities as described herein.
- B. Grantor shall conduct a review of the project to ensure Recipient is progressing toward completion of the SOW.
- C. Grantor shall verify the completion of the project thru the closeout process.

#### Recipient:

- A. This MOA must be signed and returned to NCEM within 45 days after Recipient receives notice of this award. The grant shall be effective upon return of the executed Grant Award (MOA) and date of final approval by the Director of Emergency Management.
- B. Recipient shall expend funds in accordance with this MOA.

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C. Recipient shall utilize State of North Carolina and/or local procurement policies and procedures for the expenditure of funds, and conform to applicable state standards identified in <u>N.C.G.S. Chapter</u> 143, Article 3, Purchases & Contracts.

If Recipient utilizes local procurement policies, Recipient is required to submit a copy of the applicable policies they followed and demonstrate that they complied with those policies, including competition as required.

Recipient is required to check the federal System for Awards Management (SAM), <a href="https://sam.gov/content/exclusions">https://sam.gov/content/exclusions</a> and the State Debarred Vendors Listing, <a href="https://ncadmin.nc.gov/documents/nc-debarred-vendors">https://ncadmin.nc.gov/documents/nc-debarred-vendors</a>, to verify that all vendors and contractors have not been suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal or state government.

- D. Provide quarterly progress reports to NCEM within 10 days from end of the calendar year quarter to the following email: NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov.
- E. Requests for Reimbursement (RFR)

Recipient must submit RFR, with all required documentation attached to NCEM at NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov. Grantor will reimburse Recipient for eligible costs as determined by Grantor. Recipient must take possession of all purchased equipment and receive any grant-eligible service prior to seeking reimbursement from Grantor. Recipient must submit Request for Reimbursement per appendix 4.

#### F. Closeout Reporting Requirements

Recipient must submit to Grantor, no later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance or completion of the project, whichever is sooner, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the grant award, and this MOA.

#### This includes, at a minimum:

- i. A closeout letter indicating that the project is now 100% complete, that all funds were used for the purpose appropriated and ready for final inspection.
- ii. A complete accounting of how all grant funds were used thru the Summary of Documentation (SOD)Form which lists all labor, material, equipment, and contract invoices with corresponding checks or other proof of payment making up the total spend for the project.
- iii. Copies of all invoices and a copy of proof of payment (both front and back of cleared check is required) as listed on the SOD form.
- iv. Bid documents (solicitation, bid evaluations, etc.), contracts.
- v. Insurance documentation on equipment or property purchased under this award or letter indicating lack of insurability
- vi. Pictures prior to the start of the project and when complete for permanent work type grants.
- G. Non-Supplanting Requirement. See paragraph 6 (Supplanting).
- H. Recipient shall have sole responsibility for the ownership, maintenance, insurance, upkeep, and replacement of any equipment procured pursuant to this MOA as follows:
- i. Recipient shall take and maintain a physical inventory of all equipment purchased with funds awarded under this grant. Equipment is defined as tangible, non-expendable tong Term Recovery Grant Agreement version 1.1 4/2024

property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. Recipient may have property management guidelines that are more restrictive, requiring a unit of equipment with a value of less than \$5,000 to be inventoried. If so, such equipment purchased under this award allocation shall be included on the report submitted to Grantor. The grant summary, cost reports with backup documentation, certificate of title, and any other Recipient reports or inventory reports that include information regarding the grant, vendor, invoice number, cost per item, number of items, description, location, condition and identification number may be used to meet this requirement.

- ii. Recipient must ensure a control system exists to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft. Recipient shall be responsible for replacing or repairing equipment which is willfully or negligently lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed. Any loss, damage or theft of the property must be investigated and fully documented and made part of the official project records.
- iii. Recipient or equipment owner must ensure adequate maintenance procedures exist to keep the equipment in good condition.
- I. <u>Property and Equipment</u>. Property and equipment purchased with these funds shall be titled to Recipient, and Recipient shall be responsible for the custody and care of any property and equipment purchased with funds furnished for use in connection with this MOA. Grantor will not be held responsible for any property purchased under this MOA. Recipient must obtain any necessary insurance where said insurance can be reasonably obtain and provide proof of insurance as part of any Reimbursement Request or Closeout.
  - Recipient must utilize all property and equipment as intended in their project application to Grantor.
  - Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in the return of funds and any other remedy for noncompliance specified paragraph 7, Compliance, above.
- J. Indirect Costs. No indirect or administrative costs will be charged to this award.
- K. Conflict of Interest. Per N.C.G.S. § 143C-6-23(b), Recipient is required to file with Grantor a copy of Recipient's policy addressing conflicts of interest that may arise involving the grantee's management employees and the members of its board of directors or other governing body. The policy shall address situations in which any of these individuals may directly or indirectly benefit, except as the grantee's employees or members of its board or other governing body, from the grantee's disbursing of State funds, and shall include actions to be taken by the grantee or the individual, or both, to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of impropriety. The policy shall be filed before Grantor may disburse any grant funds.

In conjunction with providing the conflict of interest policy to Grantor, Recipient must disclose in writing to Grantor, and attempt to avoid, any real or potential conflict of interest that may arise during the administration of this grant award.

This includes Recipient's responsibility to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of their employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award,

or administration of a contract supported by this grant award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such conflicts of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the Recipient may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. Recipients may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value.

The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the Recipient. All Recipients must disclose in writing to Grantor, and attempt to avoid, any real or potential conflicts of interest with respect to procurement, contracting and subcontracting with funds provided under this grant award. Upon request, Recipient must also provide a copy of their standards of conduct policy covering conflicts of interest with respect to procurement, contracting and subcontracting with funds provided under this grant award.

L. Recipient must have an acceptable local travel regulation plan or accept the state travel regulations. Expenditures for travel mileage, meals, lodging and other travel expenses incurred in the performance of this Contract shall not exceed state rates and must be supported by documentation. International travel is not eligible under this MOA.

#### 9. Funding

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143C-1-1, the Recipient understands and agrees that agreement funding shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. However, in the event of agreement termination due to lack of adequate appropriated funds, Grantor will pay for services and goods acquired and obligated on or before the notice of agreement termination.

#### 10. Taxes

Recipient shall be considered to be an independent Recipient and as such shall be responsible for <u>ALL</u> taxes. There shall be no reimbursement for taxes incurred by the Recipient under this grant.

#### 11. Warranty

Recipient will hold Grantor harmless for any liability and personal injury that may occur from or in connection with the performance of this MOA to the extent permitted by the North Carolina Tort Claims Act. Nothing in this MOA, express or implied, is intended to confer on any other person any rights or remedies in or by reason of this MOA. This MOA does not give any person or entity other than the parties hereto any legal or equitable claim, right or remedy. This MOA is intended for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto. This MOA is not made for the benefit of any third person or persons. No third party may enforce any part of this MOA or shall have any rights hereunder. This MOA does not create, and shall not be construed as creating, any rights enforceable by any person not a party to this MOA. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of North Carolina.

#### 12. State of North Carolina Reporting Requirements per NCGS 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M

North Carolina state law (N.C.G.S. 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M) requires every non-state entity (including non-profit organizations, counties and local governments) that receives state or federal pass-through grant funds from state agencies to file annual reports on how those grant funds were used no later than three months after the end of the non-state entity's fiscal year.

Refer to "State Grant Compliance Reporting Forms" on the following website for instructions and applicable forms for Recipients to meet these requirements: <a href="https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-management-grants/grants-management-compliance">https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management-grants/grants-management-compliance</a>.

#### Level I (Less than \$25,000)

A grantee receiving less than \$25,000 (combined) in State or Federal pass through funds must submit:

- Certification Form.
- State Grants Compliance Reporting for Receipts of Less than \$25,000.
- Level I form and reporting instructions are available on the above website.

#### Level II (\$25,000 - \$499,999)

A grantee that receives between \$25,000 - \$499,999 (combined) in State or Federal pass-through funding must submit:

- Certification Form.
- State Grants Compliance Reporting for Receipts of \$25,000 or More.
- · Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures.
- Program Activities and Accomplishments Reports.
- Level II form and reporting instructions are available on the above website.

#### Level III (\$500,000 - \$749,999)

A grantee that receives a combined \$500,000 or more in State funding or Federal pass-through funding must submit:

- Certification Form.
- State Grants Compliance Reporting for Receipts of \$25,000 or More.
- Program Activities and Accomplishments Reports.
- Level III form and reporting instructions are available on the above website.
- Submit within nine months of the grantee's fiscal year end: Submit to DPS Internal Audit a single audit prepared and completed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. See paragraph 15 below for audits.

#### Level III Continued (\$750,000+)

A grantee that receives a combined \$750,000 or more in funding from all Federal funding sources, even those passed through a state agency must submit:

• Certification Form.

- State Grants Compliance Reporting for Receipts of \$25,000 or More.
- Program Activities and Accomplishments Reports.
- Level III form and reporting instructions are available on the above website.
- Submit within nine months of the grantee's fiscal year end:
- Submit to DPS Internal Audit a single audit prepared and completed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.
- Post the single audit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/).
- Make copies of the single audit available to the public. See paragraph 15 below for audits.

#### 13. Audit Requirements

Per 09 NCAC 03M.0205, a Recipient that receives a combined \$500,000 or more in North Carolina state funding or federal funding passed through a state agency must within 9 months of the Recipient's fiscal year end submit to DPS Internal Audit (<u>AuditGrantsReport@ncdps.gov</u>) a single audit prepared and completed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS): <a href="https://www.gao.gov/yellowbook">https://www.gao.gov/yellowbook</a>.

If Recipient is a unit of local government in North Carolina, Recipient may also be subject to the audit and reporting requirements in N.C.G.S. 159-34, Local Government Finance Act – Annual Independent Audit, rules and regulations. Such audit and reporting requirements may vary depending upon the amount and source of grant funding received by the Recipient and are subject to change (see <u>Local Government Commission</u> for more information).

#### 14. Points of Contact (POC)

To provide consistent and effective communication between Recipient and Grantor, each party shall appoint a Principal Representative(s) to serve as its central point of contact responsible for coordinating and implementing this MOA. Grantor contact shall be the Grants Manager listed on the NoFO or as amended. Recipient POC shall be the person designated by the Recipient. Recipient is required to keep Grantor informed of any changes in POC over the course of the period of performance. All confidential information of either party disclosed to the other party in connection with the services provided hereunder will be treated by the receiving party as confidential and restricted in its use to only those uses contemplated by the terms of this MOA. Any information to be treated as confidential must be clearly marked as confidential prior to transmittal to the other party. Neither party shall disclose to third parties, the other party's confidential information without written authorization to do so from the other party. Specifically excluded from such confidential treatment shall be information that:

- A. As of the date of disclosure and/or delivery, is already known to the party receiving such information.
- B. Is or becomes part of the public domain, through no fault of the receiving party.
- C. Is lawfully disclosed to the receiving party by a third party who is not obligated to retain such information in confidence.

D. Is independently developed at the receiving party by someone not privy to the confidential information.

#### 15. Public Records Access

All information maintained by Grantor in connection with this MOA and grant award is subject to the <u>North Carolina Public Records Act</u>, Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to <u>public records requests</u> through NCDPS.

#### 16. Contracting/Subcontracting

If Recipient contracts/subcontracts any or all purchases or services under this MOA, then Recipient agrees to include in the contract/subcontract that the contractor/subcontractor is bound by the terms and conditions of this MOA. Recipient and any contractor/subcontractor agree to include in the contract/subcontract that the contractor/subcontractor shall hold Grantor harmless against all claims of whatever nature arising out of the contractors/subcontractor's performance of work under this MOA. If Recipient contracts/subcontracts any or all purchases or services required under this MOA, a copy of the executed contract/subcontract agreement must be forwarded to Grantor. A contractual arrangement shall in no way relieve Recipient of its responsibilities to ensure that all funds issued pursuant to this grant be administered in accordance with all state and federal requirements.

#### 17. Situs

This MOA shall be governed by the laws of North Carolina and any claim for breach or enforcement shall be filed in State Court in Wake County, North Carolina.

#### 18. Antitrust Laws

All signatories of this MOA will comply with all applicable state and federal antitrust laws.

#### 19. Other Provisions/Severability

Nothing in this MOA is intended to conflict with current federal, state, local, or tribal laws or regulations. If a term of this MOA is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this MOA shall remain in full force and effect.

#### 20. Entire Agreement

This MOA and any annexes, exhibits and amendments annexed hereto, and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral and written statements or agreements.

#### 21. Modification

This MOA may be amended only by written amendments duly executed by Recipient and Grantor.

#### 22. Termination

Either party, upon sixty (60) days advance written notice to the other, may terminate this MOA.

#### 23. Scope of Work

Recipient shall implement the project as described in the approved project application. That application is hereby incorporated into this MOA in Appendix 2.

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#### 24. Execution and Effective Date

This grant shall become effective upon return of this original Grant Award(MOA), properly executed on behalf of the Recipient, and upon execution of all parties to this MOA. The last signature shall be that of the Director of NC Emergency Management.

#### 25. Certification of eligibility - Under the Iran Divestment Act

Pursuant to N.C.G. S§147-86.59, any person identified as engaging in investment activities in Iran, determined by appearing on the Final Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-86.58, is ineligible to contract with the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State. The Iran Divestment Act of 2015, N.C.G.S. § 147-86.55 et seq.\* requires that each vendor, prior to contracting with the State certifies, and the undersigned on behalf of the Vendor does hereby certify, to the following:

- A. That the vendor is not identified on the Final Divestment List of entities that the State Treasurer has determined engages in investment activities in Iran
- B. That the vendor shall not utilize on any contract with the State agency any subcontractor that is identified on the Final Divestment List
- C. That the undersigned is authorized by the Vendor to make this Certification

The State Treasurer's Final Divestment List can be found on the State Treasurer's website at the address: <a href="https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-divestment-Act-resources.aspx">https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-divestment-Act-resources.aspx</a> and will be updated every 180 days. For questions about the Department of State Treasurer's Iran Divestment Policy, direct questions to (919) 814-3852.

#### 26. Attachments

All attachments to this Agreement are incorporated as if set out fully herein.

- A. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the language of this MOA and the attachments hereto, the language of the MOA shall be controlling, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.
- B. This MOA includes the following attachments or documents incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein:
  - i. Appendix 1 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NoFO)
  - ii. Appendix 2 Scope of Work or Grant Application
  - iii. Appendix 3 Award letter
  - iv. Appendix 4 Required Documentation for Reimbursement Request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each executed this MOA and the parties agree that this MOA will be effective upon signature of all parties with the signature of the Director of Emergency Management establishing the effective date.

NC Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management	Town of River Bend		
1636 Gold Star Drive	45 Shoreline Drive		
Raleigh NC 27607	River Bend, NC 28562		
Ву:	By:		
Date:	Date:		
William C. Ray	Name:		
Director NC Emergency Management	Title:		
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	By:		
By:	Date:		
	Name:		
Date:	Title:		
William Polk			
Department of Public Safety			
Deputy General Counsel			
	Ву:		
	Date:		
	Name:		
	Title:		

## Appendix 1 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO):

#### North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM)

Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is now accepting applications for grants funded through the 2023 Appropriations Act, S.L. 2023-134, § 5.6(f)(1), the Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund.

Eligible applicants are state agencies, units of local government, public authorities, and nonprofit organizations.

Funding can be used for flood mitigation, transportation infrastructure resilience against natural disasters, and assistance with local matching to drawn down federal mitigation funds.

Applications must be received by NCEM no later than Close of Business (5pm) on 31 January 2024.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State agencies, units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and public authorities, as defined in G.S. 159-7, may submit projects to the Emergency Management Long-Term Recovery Group who will convene a panel to score the projects. Nonprofit organization projects are limited to nonsectarian or nonreligious purposes which address such items in the section below.

#### **Eligible Categories of Work**

Funds can be used for the following categories of work:

- (1) Flood mitigation efforts that stabilize areas and reduce future damage.
- (2) Ensuring transportation resilience against natural disasters
- (3) Predevelopment assistance to provide small and underserved communities with technical assistance to identify and design shovel-ready projects related to disaster relief and flood mitigation.
- (4) Financial assistance with local cost share to draw down federal funds on approved federal mitigation grants.

Initial funding for this notice is anticipated to be \$25,000,000.

Projects can be 100% funded with <u>no cost share</u> and are paid on a <u>reimbursement</u> basis. Grant administration costs are <u>not</u> eligible.

#### Examples of Eligible Projects:

(Not intended to be a full list but may help applicants to identify possible projects)

- Construction of new or improvement of existing stormwater infrastructure
- Engineering expenses related to planning and implementation of flood mitigation projects.
- Elevation of buildings, controls, or other improvements of public infrastructure to mitigate future flood damage.
- Projects to protect public infrastructure from flooding.

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- Projects that update and prepare transportation infrastructure for storms, mudslides, and flooding events taking projections of future risk into consideration.
- Risk assessments for critical transportation routes, building on existing and future reports, such as the I-95 and I-40 Flood Resilience Feasibility Study.
- Creating community-informed flood risk and vulnerability assessments that identify resilience gaps and project opportunities for transportation routes in North Carolina to help maintain vital transportation functions following flooding events.

Applicants applying for local cost share assistance for projects that require a local cost share to access federal funds should provide additional information within the application including 1) any notice of approval for your project from the funding agency, 2) a clear understanding of all additional funding sources for the project, and 3) current requirements of the applicant for local match.

#### Where to Submit Application Materials

Applications must be submitted to the following email address: <a href="mailto:NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov">NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov</a>. Applications will be reviewed for completeness with completed applications scored and ranked.

**Key Target Dates:** 

8-December-2023 NOFO Released

31-January-2024 Application Deadline

15-March-2024 NC Review Panel Scoring completed

April 2024 Applicants Notifications

May-June 2024 Complete and Sign grant agreements

The Period of Performance (POP) is up to 36 months, starting on the date of the recipient's award. This process starts with the application referenced below.

#### **Process to Submit Your Application**

#### Application/Submission Information and Instructions

Application deadline 31 January 2024 (5:00PM)

Application to be submitted to <u>NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov</u> with subject line "Applicant name – Project name – 2023 DRMF Grant Application"

Application email should include the completed <u>Application Document</u> and any additional attachments to support the project. Please make sure that you address each part of the application. The points below are representative of what you will find needed within the application. (Scoring weight in brackets):

- 1) Applicant Name, Address, Contact Information, and Project Name. Nonprofit corporations should also include the "Certificate of Existence from the NC Secretary of State, bylaws, and documentation to support ownership or right for project specific facility. (10)
- 2) General description of the Project (15)
- 3) Describe how the project mitigates future damage or flooding include impact on community. (35)
- 4) Scope of Work (SOW) and cost estimate for the project to achieve #3 above, including an understanding of how the estimate was achieved. (20)
- 5) Timeline from approval of Grant to project completion. (10)
- 6) How and who will manage the project if awarded and their qualifications. Additionally, the applicants should include their experience in managing a grant award. (10)

#### Competitive proposals likely will include:

- Clear understanding of how the project mitigates against frequent flooding or mitigates against frequent disruptions to transportation infrastructure from nature disasters, or a clear understanding of need for matching assistance on approved federal mitigation grants.
- Understanding of the benefits for residents, businesses, and other entities within a community including the percent of the community impacted by the project.
- Professional or engineering reports for the project.
- A current estimate of probable cost with an understanding of how this was developed.
- How the project links to previous comprehensive assessments or planning effort or an understanding of how the community prioritizes this project.
- An understanding of likely implementation of a full construction project.

For more information, please send any questions to NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov

Projects that are selected will require applicants to sign a Grant Agreement (MOA) and will be expected to comply with the terms of the agreement, including quarterly reporting and interim and final inspections as necessary or risk timely payment or funding. Also, applicants will be required to submit the below listed OSBM required documents/forms with the signed MOA if awarded a grant under this fund:

- W-9 (09 NCAC 03M .0202)
- Electronic Payment / Vendor Verification Form (09 NCAC 03M .0202)
- Conflict of Interest Policy (G.S. 143C-6-23.(b))
- Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))



## Appendix 2 Scope of Work or Grant Application

This recommended Project Scope and Budget is based upon the findings of the Stormwater Drainage Masterplan prepared by Colonial Engineering, Inc. over 20 years ago, a recent visual inspection of the existing conditions, and additional information provided by the Town of River Bend. The Scope of the proposed project is consistent with the guidelines for projects funded by the NC Division of Water Infrastructure's Stormwater Asset Inventory and Assessment Program – when funds are available.

The Town of River Bend has adopted a policy of utilizing natural swales in lieu of paved curb and gutter for all Town streets to the extent possible. The Town has approximately 14.78 miles of Streets with approximately 156,000 linear feet of ditches / swales located on both sides of the road. These streets serve approximately 1500 homes with roughly 40% utilizing driveway tiles laid within the existing swales. Of that amount, the Town estimates that 10% or more are not laid on grade and are contributing to stormwater drainage problems within the Town - especially during periods of excessive rainfall resulting from Tropical Storm events. The Town is also served by approximately 15,000 lf of stormwater piping. There are no existing maps of the Town's subsurface stormwater piping.

This project will focus primarily on locating and developing an inventory of the Town's existing stormwater infrastructure assets utilizing GPS/GIS based mapping technology. The inventory shall include the location/inventory of all visible and accessible pipes, structures, etc. and shall assign feature attributes to all mapped assets (if known) such as structure type, material, age, condition, depth/inverts, etc. and provide connectivity and GIS mapping for the located stormwater system assets in ESRI ArcGIS format.

A secondary focus will involve a cross-sectional survey of the swales and ditches along the roadways within the residential areas of Town known to be subject to flooding. Once the cross-sectional survey of the above ground drainage is completed, a recommendation for construction activities to improve the drainage by re-grading the ditches and relaying the driveway tiles on grade can be developed.

Lastly, a zoom camera inspection of potential problem areas within the subsurface stormwater infrastructure will be conducted.

This scope and cost estimate were developed with the assistance of Bobby Blowe, P.E., who is employed with Municipal Engineering Services Company of Garner. We are currently engaged with this firm to perform similar projects on our water and sewer systems. This firm has experience in stormwater projects in multiple towns across the state.

#### Appendix 3



Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddle M. Buffaloe Jr., Secretary William C. Ray, Director

3 May 2024

Mr. Delane Jackson Town Manager Town of River Bend 45 Shoreline Dr. River Bend, NC 28562

Dear Mr. Jackson,

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is pleased to inform you that your grant application for the Emergency Management Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund has been selected for funding up to the amount of \$225,000.

The final approval is conditional on the return of the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), signed by the appropriately authorized representative(s) within 45 days from the date of this letter.

The attached MOA, as well as the following documents below, should be returned to NCEM via email and sent to NCEMLTR\_grant@ncdps.gov

- State of NC Substitute W-9 Form
- Supplier Electronic Payment Request Please email the completed form directly to OSC for processing: nefsepay@osc.nc.gov with copy to NCEMLTR.grant@ncps.gov
- Conflict of Interest Policy (G.S. 143C-6-23.(b))
- Swom (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))

This grant shall be effective upon transmittal to the jurisdiction of the executed MOA by NCEM.

By accepting this grant, the recipient agrees that funds will only be expended to complete the approved project, not to exceed the funding amount during the designated period of performance, as well as all applicable terms, conditions, and responsibilities specified in the MOA.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Jeff Welker, NCEM Long-Term Recovery Grants Manager, directly (984-222-4159 or Jeffrey. Welker@ncdps.gov).

Respectfully,

William C. Roy

William C. Ray

Director & Deputy Homeland Security Advisor North Carolina Emergency Management



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## Appendix 4 Documents for Reimbursement Request

Quarterly Progress Report - Form LTR002/2022 Request for Reimbursement - Form LTR003 Summary of Documentation (SOD) - Form LTR001

Recipient should submit a single pdf with the above forms and all supporting information including invoices, proof of payment, bid documentation and contracts as necessary. PDF file should be ordered as follows:

- 1. Request for Reimbursement Form
- 2. Current Quarterly Progress Report Form
- 3. Summary of Document Form (SOD)
- 4. Supporting documentation in order as they appear on SOD. Please order invoices and matching checks together within the pdf.
- 5. Any Insurance documents, permits, or pictures of work progress as necessary or supportive.

# North Carolina Division of Emergency Management Long Term Recovery Grant Program QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Progress Report Period:		to
Project Title:		MOA #:
Applicant:		
		County:
Contact Person:		Title:
Phone #(s):	Email Ad	dress:
Total Project Expenditures to Date	:\$	
1. Date of Project Approval:		
2. Start Date of the Project:		
3. Percent of Work Completed to D	Oate: 9	%
4. Anticipated Completion Date:		
5. Actual Completion Date:		
6. Summary of progress on project and relate activities to project budy	-	rt period: (Provide narrative summary on a monthly basis
7. Anticipated cost over-run/under-	run: \$	
8. Problems encountered:		
9. Status: (Please check pertinent in	nformation).	
Project Status		Project Cost Status
(1) Project on schedule		(1) Cost unchanged
(2) Project completed		(2) Cost overrun
(3) Project delayed	(3)	Cos der-run
(4) Project canceled		

## Request for Reimbursement (RFR) Form LTR003

Grantee:			_Identification Number:					
Mailing Addre	ss:		City, Zip:					
MOA Grant #	Grant Amount \$	Previous Payments \$	Current RFR	SOD and supporting Docs attached (Y/N)*	State Approvals Office Use only (GM approval) Comment			
				0				
Total of Curre	ent Request							
* SOD and Supporting documentation are required for all Requests for Reimbursements and need attached to the pdf of this request.								
I certify that the above expenditures are accurate and in compliance with the associated MOA.								
Authorized Re	presentative: _			<u></u>				
Signature:								
Date:				-				

### NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF AMOUNT CLAIMED FOR ELIGIBLE WORK Form LTR001 (1) Applicant: (3) FIPS/Duns or Tax ID/EIN No. (2) MOA Number: (6) Delevery Date of articles or performence services (8) Applicant Proposed Eligible Costs (7) DOCUMENTATION List Documentation (Applicant's payroll, material out of applicant's stock, applicant outsel equipment and name of variou or contractor) by estegoty Applicant's Check No., Reference No., Warrant, Voucher, Claim, or schodule No Force Account Labor Total 0,00 Equipment 0.00 Materials Total 0.00 Total 0.00 Other Total 0.00 (9) Grand TOTAL \$0,00 (10) - Grant AMOUNT (11) ADJUSTED TOTAL (+ OR -) \$0.00 Signature:



#### **TOWN OF RIVER BEND**

45 Shoreline Drive River Bend, NC 28562

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## RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL DRAFT PROPOSED AGENDA

Regular Meeting
June 20, 2024
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
7:00 p.m.

Pledge: Leonard

- 1. Call to Order (Mayor Kirkland Presiding)
- 2. Recognition of New Residents
- 3. Additions / Deletions / Adoption to Agenda
- 4. Addresses to the Council
  - A. Edwin Vargas FY24-25 Budget Ordinance
- 5. Public Comment

The public comment period is set aside for members of the public to offer comments to the Council. It is the time for the Council to listen to the public. It is not a Question & Answer session between the public and the Council or Staff. All comments will be directed to the Council. Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. A member of staff will serve as timekeeper. A sign-up sheet is posted by the meeting room door and will be collected prior to the start of the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be called on by the Mayor in the order that they signed up. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum, the Council has adopted a policy for this section of the meeting. A copy of the policy is posted by the door for your review. Please follow the policy. If you have a specific question for staff, you are encouraged to contact the Town Manager or the appropriate Department Head at another time.

- 6. Public Hearings None
- 7. Consent Agenda

All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

#### A. Approve:

Minutes of the May 9, 2024, Work Session Meeting Minutes of the May 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the April 20, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the July 20, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the November 9, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the November 16, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the January 11, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the January 18, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the February 15, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the March 14, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the April 18, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the May 16, 2024 Closed Session Meeting

- 8. Town Manager's Report Delane Jackson Activity Reports
  - A. Monthly Police Report by Chief Joll
  - B. Monthly Water Resources Report by Director of Public Works Mills
  - C. Monthly Work Order Report by Director of Public Works Mills
  - D. Monthly Zoning Report by Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

#### **Administrative Reports:**

- 9. Parks & Recreation Councilman Weaver
  - A. Parks and Rec Report
  - B. Organic Garden Report
- CAC Councilwoman Maurer
   A. CAC Report
- Finance Councilman Leonard
   Financial Report Finance Director
- Environment And Waterways Councilman Leonard
   EWAB Report
- Planning Board Councilman Sheffield
   A. Planning Board Report
- Public Safety Councilwoman Benton
   Community Watch
- 15. Mayor's Report Mayor Kirkland
- 16. Adjournment