

## Buncombe County Clean Water Fund

Goal: Improve water quality within Buncombe County for public benefit

Available Funding: Up to \$100,000 (or do we want to provide a range \$5000-\$50,000?)

**Criteria for Eligibility: Only projects with all criteria met will be considered.**

1. Project located in Buncombe County and demonstrates clear evidence of public benefit
2. 501c3 or local governmental entity
3. Approved/adopted NCDEQ watershed management plan (we list of acceptable plans)
4. Must implement BMP improvements; testing and studies not eligible
5. Must have site control/landowner commitment, or demonstrated path to site control, and shovel ready status
6. Must have pathway to required permits
7. **Must leverage funds, including in-kind, from other agencies (list other funding partners)**
8. Must include site plan, scope of work, construction drawings, list of project partners, budget, relevant timeline information or deadlines related to partner funding

**Eligible Projects Ranking Criteria/Rubric:** 1 - 5 points per item - 20 possible points

\*Water quality benefits / expected impacts of recommended practices:

Demonstrate an existing water quality issue and a proven method for addressing issue, longevity of infrastructure and associated benefits, amount of pollutants removed, stormwater/soil erosion/ sediment reductions, riparian buffers implemented

\*Partnerships and project leveraging:

Letters of support from partners, detail the amount and type of in-kind and cash funds from other sources

\*Feasibility:

Reasonable budget and timeline (showing path to completion within 12 months), construction plan, maintenance plan

\*Additional Benefits: Recreational, Educational, Ecological, Community, Economic (Create a checklist on application with room to describe these components)